

Questions Your Church Should Answer Before People Return

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Initial Questions

1. How many people in your community are in the at-risk category? How does that impact your planning?
2. How will you communicate clearly that deciding to stay home is an appropriate and respected decision?
3. What is the air circulation situation in your building/sanctuary?
4. Is a simple majority decision by the session enough to move forward with re-opening the building and resuming in-person programming? Or would it be beneficial to determine that a two-thirds majority or unanimous decision is necessary to move forward?
5. What plans will you have in place if the pastor or a member of the church tests positive for COVID-19 after you begin gathering?
6. How will you be intentional and gradual about adding activities according to your congregation's ability to maintain Covid-19 related precautions?