

# EXPOSED

What to do if someone is exposed to  
COVID-19 while attending your Church.

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## LOCAL CHURCH RESPONSE TO COVID-19 POSITIVE ATTENDEE

### WHAT IF SOMEONE IN YOUR CONGREGATION TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID19?

**As our churches reopen to live services, the possibility of someone attending a service or meeting and later testing positive for Covid-19 is very real. Every church should be adhering to all CDC and State mandated guidelines, but here are some suggested guidelines should a Covid Positive person attend one of your gatherings.**

1. Contact your local Health Department IMMEDIATELY asking them for their directions. For all Network Affiliated Churches, contact our Network Office and talk with either Mike Dickenson or Marcus McClain for their assistance.
2. The person who tested positive is responsible to provide the health department authorities with a list of individuals they have come in close contact with.
3. Take immediate steps to secure the building space (foyer, auditorium, classes, restrooms, etc.) where the person was in your church until appropriate steps can be taken to disinfect. Deep clean your facility using [CDC GUIDELINES](#).
4. The Pastor or person designated by the Church Board should be the official spokesperson for the church.
5. Communicate as needed and as directed by the local Health Department with your congregation, advising them that you have learned that someone in attendance at one of your gatherings has just tested positive for Covid-19. DO NOT use the positive individual's name without their written consent when communicating with your church.
6. When communicating with your congregation, you should provide direction as provided by the local Health Department for individuals who may have been in close contact with the positive individual.
7. Encourage anyone who may have had close contact to get tested and/or self-quarantine for 14 days.
8. Take initiative to have all staff and leaders who had any contact with the individual to be tested as well and follow all appropriate instructions.

### HELPFUL LINKS

[Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith](#)

[CDC Requirements for cleaning and disinfecting your facility.](#)

[Established Response Page from other Organizations](#)

[HIPPA and the Coronavirus](#)