



# COVID-19 STAY-AT-HOME ORDER UPDATES & RESPONSE

One-by-one across the country, states are adding stay-at-home orders for their citizens. These stay-at-home orders are to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As mentioned in the previous video/post, these are unprecedented measures that are being taken during this time. Your church and ministry must determine how to most effectively minister to those in your care during this difficult time.

## **Understanding the Executive Orders**

Your church needs to be aware of any public health and state mandates that are in place as your church is determining how to minister effectively for the next two or three weeks. Depending on the state, these directives carry different penalties for non-compliance. Below we have shortcuts to each state's executive order for more detail information.

### ***As a rule, the state orders include these four things:***

1. all non-essential employees work from home or stay home;
2. all restaurants and bar closed;
3. all gatherings need to be limited to 10 or less;
4. and all events be indefinitely suspended.

## **Should our church continue to meet?**

Each state has a different approach to implementation. However, compliance is generally recommended due to the nature of this public health crisis. If your church or ministry is trying to decide if you should or should not continue to meet, here are some criteria to consider:

1. Does my state have a stay-at-home order in place?
2. Is my county particularly affected at this time with COVID-19?
3. Am I potentially placing my church members at risk by having them attend church?
4. Are there safer alternatives to meeting in groups at this time?
5. How can I serve our church members most effectively?

## **Our Recommendations**

At The National Center for Life and Liberty (NCLL), we are recommending that churches provide a virtual service option (live stream, Facebook live, etc.) for the next two Sundays. If your church wants to allow people to attend, please review your state guidelines to ensure you're not placing your congregants at risk. If you do choose to have some church members in attendance, ensure that you are keeping people spread out from each other limiting exposure between individuals. [You can review our recommendations for your facility here.](#)

As always, remember that there is not a one size fits all solution. If you are still trying to determine how best to navigate this complicated time for your church or ministry, please contact our office, and one of our team members will gladly assist you in answering your questions. Contact our office by calling 888-233-6255 or email at [info@ncll.org](mailto:info@ncll.org).



We are in unprecedented times in America. Our President has asked that we do not meet in groups more than ten. Many states are asking non-essential employees to stay at home during this time. This is a time where the Church is needed more than ever as there is great fear across our nation. Let us strive to be the church as we seek to minister to those who have been greatly affected.

**Current State Orders Regarding Gatherings & Stay-at-Home:**

- **Stay-at-home order:** California | Connecticut | Delaware | Georgia\* | Illinois | Indiana | Louisiana | Massachusetts | Michigan | New Jersey | New York | Ohio | Oregon | Washington
- **Stay at home guidance:** Hawaii | New Mexico | Wisconsin
- **5 or more:** American Samoa
- **10 or more:** Colorado | Iowa | Maine | Maryland | Missouri | Rhode Island | Tennessee | Texas | Utah | Vermont | Virginia | Wyoming
- **25 or more:** Alabama
- **50 or more:** District of Columbia | Guam | Kansas | New Hampshire | North Carolina | Pennsylvania\*\* | South Carolina | Vermont | Washington
- **Recommendation:** Arizona | Florida | Minnesota | Mississippi | Montana | Nebraska | Nevada | Oklahoma | Virgin Islands
- Kentucky and Puerto Rico also have imposed mandatory limits on large gatherings

*\*For medically fragile only    \*\*Stay at home order for 6 counties*

*Updated each day 11:59 pm EST*

**State Statutes Concerning Isolation & Quarantine:**

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-quarantine-and-isolation-statutes.aspx>

**Current Legislative Responses to COVID-19 by State**

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-action-on-coronavirus-covid-19.aspx>

**Current States with Executive Orders** *(click on the link below for more information)*

<https://www.nga.org/coronavirus/#states>

**Emergency Declarations by State**

<a href="#">Alabama</a>	<a href="#">Guam</a>	<a href="#">Maine</a>	<a href="#">New York</a>	<a href="#">South Dakota</a>
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	<a href="#">Michigan</a>	<a href="#">North Carolina</a>	<a href="#">Tennessee</a>
<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	<a href="#">Iowa</a>	<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	<a href="#">North Dakota</a>	<a href="#">Texas</a>
<a href="#">Arizona</a>	<a href="#">Idaho</a>	<a href="#">Missouri</a>	<a href="#">Northern Mariana Islands</a>	<a href="#">Utah</a>
<a href="#">California</a>	<a href="#">Illinois</a>	<a href="#">Mississippi</a>	<a href="#">Ohio</a>	<a href="#">Vermont</a>
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	<a href="#">Indiana</a>	<a href="#">Montana</a>	<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	<a href="#">Virgin Islands</a>
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	<a href="#">Kansas</a>	<a href="#">Nebraska</a>	<a href="#">Oregon</a>	<a href="#">Virginia</a>
<a href="#">District of Columbia</a>	<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	<a href="#">Nevada</a>	<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	<a href="#">Washington</a>
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	<a href="#">New Hampshire</a>	<a href="#">Puerto Rico</a>	<a href="#">West Virginia</a>
<a href="#">Florida</a>	<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	<a href="#">Maryland</a>	<a href="#">New Mexico</a>	<a href="#">South Carolina</a>	<a href="#">Wyoming</a>