



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 intended to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As mentioned in the previous video/post, these are unprecedented measures in our country's history. Your church and ministry must determine how to most effectively minister to those in your care during this challenging 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 determines how to minister effectively in the weeks ahead. Depending on the state, directives carry different penalties for non-compliance. Below we have included shortcuts to each state's executive order for more detailed 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 is taking its own approach to requirements for church gatherings. 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, consider the following criteria:

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 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 right now?

Our Recommendations

The National Center for Life and Liberty (NCLL) recommends that churches provide a virtual service option (Livestream, Facebook Live, etc.) for the next two Sundays. If your church desires to continue allowing congregants to attend services in person, please first review state guidelines and recommendations. If you do choose to allow church members to attend in person, ensure you keep 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 emailing info@ncll.org.



We are in unprecedented times in America. Our president has asked that we do not meet in groups of more than ten. Many states have asked non-essential personnel to stay at home. This is a time when the Church is needed more than ever as fear spreads across our nation. Let us strive to be salt and light as we seek to minister to those who have been affected.

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

- **Stay-at-home order:** California | Colorado | Connecticut | Delaware | Florida* | Georgia* | Hawaii | Idaho | Illinois | Indiana | Kentucky* | Louisiana | Massachusetts | Michigan | Minnesota | Montana | New Hampshire | New Jersey | New Mexico | New York | Ohio | Oklahoma* | Oregon | Pennsylvania* | Vermont | Virgin Islands | Washington | West Virginia | Wisconsin
- **3 or more:** South Carolina
- **5 or more:** American Samoa
- **10 or more:** Alabama | Alaska | Arkansas | District of Columbia | Iowa | Kansas | Maine | Maryland | Mississippi | Missouri | Nebraska* | Nevada | Northern Mariana Islands | Rhode Island | South Dakota | Tennessee | Texas | Utah | Virginia | Wyoming
- **25 or more:** Alabama
- **50 or more:** North Carolina
- **Recommendation:** Arizona

Guam and Puerto Rico also have imposed mandatory limits on large gatherings.

**Georgia's order is for the medically fragile only; Oklahoma's order is for vulnerable populations only and includes a 10 person limit to mass gatherings for all others; Pennsylvania's order is for 10 counties; Nebraska limits are for 7 counties; Kentucky has issued stay at home guidance; Florida has issued stay at home guidance for age 65+.*

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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

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