

M.A.P. (Mitigation Assistance Plan) 5/28/2021

After plans are approved by your Church Leadership Team/Church Council, please submit your plans to your District Superintendent for review at least two weeks prior to the date of implementation.

Name of Church: _____
Submission Date: _____
Implementation Date: _____

In most cases, the church’s overall mitigation practices will apply to all activities held on church property, or sponsored by the church. Please share your mitigation plans below and provide additional details for any activities that may deviate from these plans, or require additional information.

The mitigation plans listed below apply to the following gatherings/ministries/activities:

1. HYGIENE Minimum standards: Encourage and provide for frequent hand hygiene (hand washing, sanitizer and helpful signage); continue to sanitize high-touch areas, especially with consecutive worship services/activities in the same space. (<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>).

We will provide for this by:

2. PHYSICAL DISTANCING Minimum standards: Even though physical distancing requirements have been relaxed, distancing may still be appropriate, especially if indoors, unmasked, in a crowded public space, or in congregant settings where the vaccination status of others may be unknown;

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3. MASKS Minimum standards: Masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated persons indoors or outdoors. Masks are still appropriate when physical distancing cannot be maintained or in congregant settings where persons from multiple households are gathered. Congregations that are considering unmasking indoors may want to consider those in their church family who are not yet vaccinated, including youth and children, and guests or others in attendance whose vaccination status may be unknown.

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4. SCREENING Minimum standards: Stay home when sick; self-check in at the door with a health acknowledgement poster. This link provides a [download of a Health Acknowledgment poster](#) that can be edited for your use.

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5. LIMIT EXPOSURE Minimum standards:

Churches should try to gather outdoors whenever possible. When gathering indoors consider:

- a. the total amount of time where groups are gathered indoors in any one gathering space;
- b. the number of people gathered in one space. It is preferable to use larger spaces over smaller ones for all indoor gatherings.

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6. VENTILATION Minimum standards: Maximize airflow and turnover of air in the occupied space: 6 exchanges per hour is recommended; prioritize outdoor activities whenever possible

<https://doc.vaumc.org/News2020/Ventilationrecommendations.pdf>

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Please list below any details for specific gatherings/ministries/activities that require additional information or are not included in the above:

Please submit your Mitigation Assistance Plan for District Superintendent’s review at least two weeks prior to implementation. Contact your District office for more information on how to submit the plan.