



Hello Faith Leaders,

The Oregon Health Authority, at the direction of Governor Brown, has released updated guidance that may impact your faith community gatherings. New guidance will be in effect beginning today, July 24th.

There are two key areas noted in the order: changes to the statewide face covering mandate, and changes to maximum capacity limitations.

Here are a few highlights:

Face Coverings (includes masks and face shields):

- Face coverings will be mandatory for individuals 5 years of age and older for all indoor faith gatherings and, outdoors when 6 feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained.
 - Previously, face coverings were required for ages 12 and older.
- All individuals attending indoor gatherings now need to wear face coverings (mask or face shield) at all times, even when teaching, preaching or singing. The only exemption is for someone playing an instrument requiring mouth to instrument contact.
 - Note - if you are not holding an in-person event, but are simply live streaming or recording services without an

audience, face coverings for teachers, preachers and musicians are not required as long as 6 feet of physical distancing is maintained.

Updated Gathering limits:

- Phase 1 Counties -
 - Indoor & Outdoor faith-based, civic and cultural gatherings = 50 people
 - Physical distancing of 6 feet between households must be maintained. To determine maximum occupancy, 35 square feet of space per person is needed in the room holding the gathering.
- Phase 2 Counties -
 - Services at an indoor venue = 100 people (including staff & volunteers)
 - Services at an outdoor venue = 250 people (including staff & volunteers)
 - Physical distancing of 6 feet between households must be maintained. To determine maximum occupancy, 35 square feet of space per person is needed in the room holding the gathering.

Sector Specific Guidance & Resources:

- NEW! Face coverings website
- **Phase 1 County faith communities**, please utilize "Statewide Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Together Guidance."
- **Phase 2 County faith communities**, please utilize
 - "Venue & Event Operators" Guidance, and
 - "Gatherings" Guidance
 - FAQ - Faith Community guidance begins on page 5.
- School aged camps and youth groups, please utilize "Summertime Day Camps."

You can find all guidance documents, FAQ's, signage and other resources on [OHA's COVID-19 website](#).

You can find information about the Phased reopening plan and the status of your county on [Governor Kate Brown's Safe + Strong website](#).

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

In partnership,

Faith Liaison Team

Everyone has a right to know about and use Oregon Health Authority (OHA) programs and services. OHA provides free help. Some examples of the free help OHA can provide are:

- Sign language and spoken language interpreters
- Closed captioning in English and Spanish
- Written materials in other languages
- Braille
- Large print
- Audio and other formats

If you need help or have questions, please contact
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