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# best practices for resuming in-person worship

## Protocol for Responding to Attendee Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test

- 1) At every church event – including worship – announce that anyone present should notify the church immediately if they test positive for COVID-19.
- 2) Maintain an attendance list for each person attending a church event – including worship – to ensure that it has names and accurate contact information (email address or phone number).
- 3) Upon being notified of a positive test, the church should determine:
  - a. Everyone with whom the infected person directly interacted at the church (primary contacts, which might not include everyone in attendance).
  - b. Anything the infected person touched while at the church.
- 4) Immediately close – for at least 72 hours – any facilities (sanctuary, hallways, restrooms, etc.) in which the infected person might have been.
- 5) Notify everyone who came in direct contact with the person infected and recommend testing and voluntary self-quarantine until a negative test result has been obtained.
- 6) Provide a courtesy notification to everyone else on the attendance list for the event. That should include:
  - a. Advising that someone who attended has tested positive for COVID-19.
  - b. Reviewing what steps the church is taking.
  - c. Recommending that each person monitor themselves for symptoms.
  - d. Recommending testing if symptoms occur, and notifying the church of results.
- 7) Notify the district superintendent that the above protocol has been activated.
- 8) Wait at least three days to determine whether any primary contacts test positive.
- 9) If all tests come back negative, the facility may be reopened after 14 days, which covers the COVID-19 incubation period for those not tested.
- 10) If any subsequent test comes back positive, repeat steps 3-9.

To keep up-to-date on the latest guidance, go to the [CDC's COVID-19 webpage](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-19).