



## **Re-Gathering Task Force Guidelines based on Executive Order #188 for Modified Stay-at-Home Order, effective January 6-29, 2021**

North Carolina's COVID numbers are trending in the wrong direction. Our case numbers, hospitalizations, and percent positives are above the summer peaks.

1. The safest practice at this time is to refrain from gathering in-person.
2. It is our strongest recommendation to refrain from in-person gatherings of more than 10 people indoors and 50 outdoors.
3. We recommend refraining from in-person gatherings of more than 10 people indoors and 50 outdoors in accordance with the new recommendations of the NC governor as of January 6.
4. Outdoor gatherings could include drive-in worship with protocols in place. (Parking lot church)
5. Any gatherings should include a roster of those in attendance in the event that contact tracing needs to be done.
6. We recommend no children or youth events in person until the modified stay at home order is lifted.
7. Holy Communion can be celebrated with appropriate protocols, following the physically-distanced 10 indoors and 50 outdoors.
8. We continue to recommend no singing or chanting (even with masks and even outdoors). Musical activities such as handbells, guitars, violins, etc. are low risk options.
9. We continue to recommend no fellowship meals, coffee hours, or other such events that make physical distancing difficult.

**Keep in mind that these are also recommendations for places of worship.**

1. *In the event of in-person worship, conduct the worship service outside—physically-distanced from one another.*
2. *Face coverings should be worn at all times by everyone present, indoor or out.*