

# Resources for Places of Worship and Faith Communities



- ✓ The **Faith Leader Toolkit** has 10 actions faith leaders can take to respond to COVID-19 (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)). It includes [sample talking points](#) for faith leaders and sample language for [bulletins, newsletters, or websites](#).
- ✓ The **Places of Worship Guidance** offers health and safety recommendations for places of worship that are currently operating in-person or planning to reopen (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)).
- ✓ [Find My Testing Place](#) is the best place to start to find COVID-19 testing near you. You can find testing through our [No-Cost Community Testing Events](#) website, which allows you to search by your county name and find upcoming free testing events. Additional testing sites can be found through the [Test Site Finder](#) (note: some of these locations may charge and/or require health insurance). Faith leaders can check out the [Testing Email Template](#) to share information about upcoming testing events.
- ✓ [Guidelines for Get-Togethers](#) has 12 tips to gather safely (also in [Spanish](#)). **Flyers for celebrating the winter holidays safely** are available, and more detailed guidance for [winter holidays](#) can help North Carolinians protect their friends and loved ones, and slow the spread.
- ✓ Places of worship can request **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** such as disposable face masks, gloves, or face shields for their leadership or congregation. Use the [PPE Request Form](#); under “Type of Partner” select “Clergy or Faith Based Entity.”
- ✓ **Mental health helplines** are available 24/7 ([Hope4NC](#) and [Hope4Healers](#)).
  - **Hope4NC Helpline** (1-855-587-3463) for all North Carolinians in all 100 counties. People can call to speak to get mental health and resilience supports that help them cope and build resilience during times of crisis.
  - **Hope4Healers Helpline** (919-226-2002) provides mental health support for our front line workers and their families who may be experiencing stress from being on the front lines of the COVID-19 response.
- ✓ The [SlowCOVIDNC app](#) helps people know if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. Download the app and share with friends and family; if you test positive, enter your pin into the app to notify close contacts to get tested.
- ✓ For places of worship that have a school or child care facility, **guidance for Child Care Centers and K-12 Schools** is available (Spanish: [child care](#), [schools](#)).
- ✓ We recently released a short **YouTube video** about our “[Whatever Your Reason, Get Behind the Mask](#)” – please consider sharing this through on social media, e-newsletters, and on your website!

You can find all these resources and more at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov>



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