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# ABRIENDO NUESTROS TEMPLOS DE NUEVO

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BAUTISTA HISPANA DE TEXAS

# ¿QUIÉN determina cuándo podemos abrir?

## Proposed State or Regional Gating Criteria

(Satisfy Before Proceeding to Phased Opening)

### SYMPTOMS

Downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses (ILI) reported within a 14-day period

AND

Downward trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period

### CASES

Downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period

OR

Downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period (flat or increasing volume of tests)

### HOSPITALS

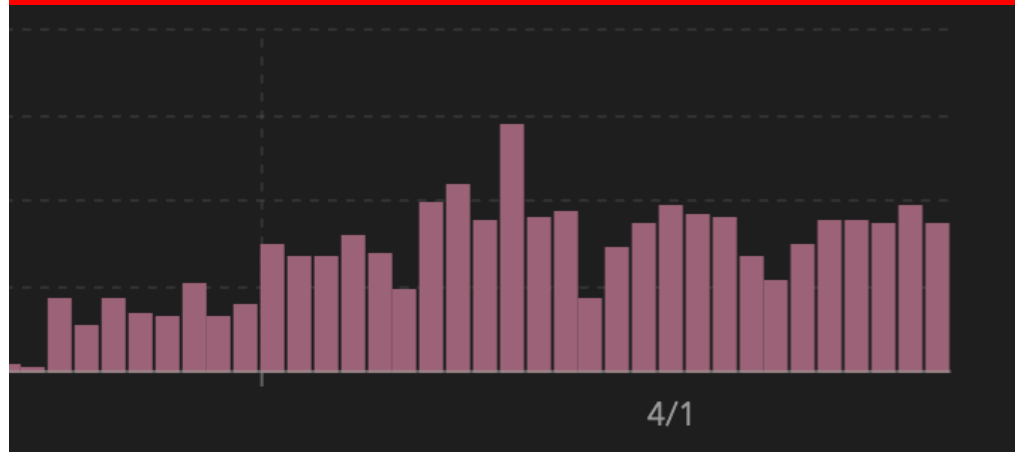
Treat all patients without crisis care

AND

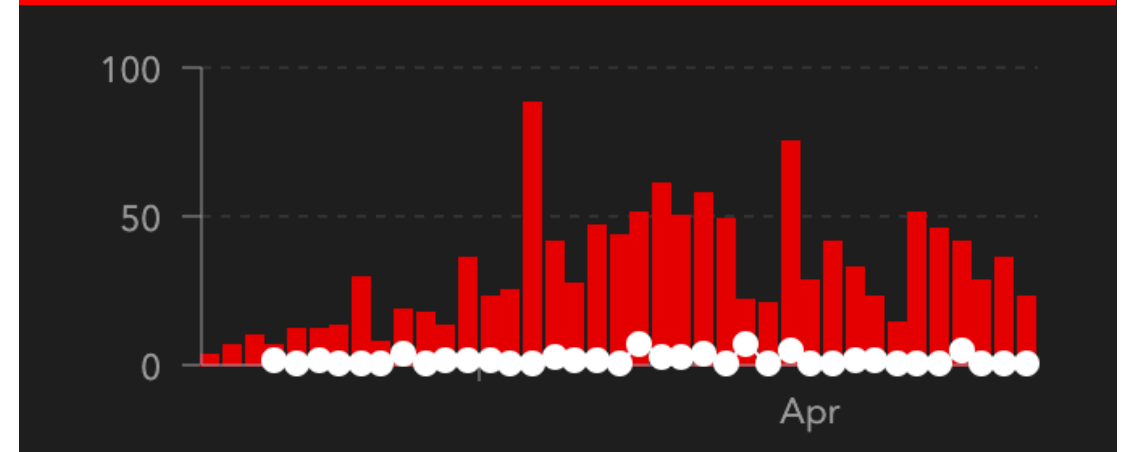
Robust testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers, including emerging antibody testing

\*State and local officials may need to tailor the application of these criteria to local circumstances (e.g., metropolitan areas that have suffered severe COVID outbreaks, rural and suburban areas where outbreaks have not occurred or have been mild). Additionally, where appropriate, Governors should work on a regional basis to satisfy these criteria and to progress through the phases outlined below.

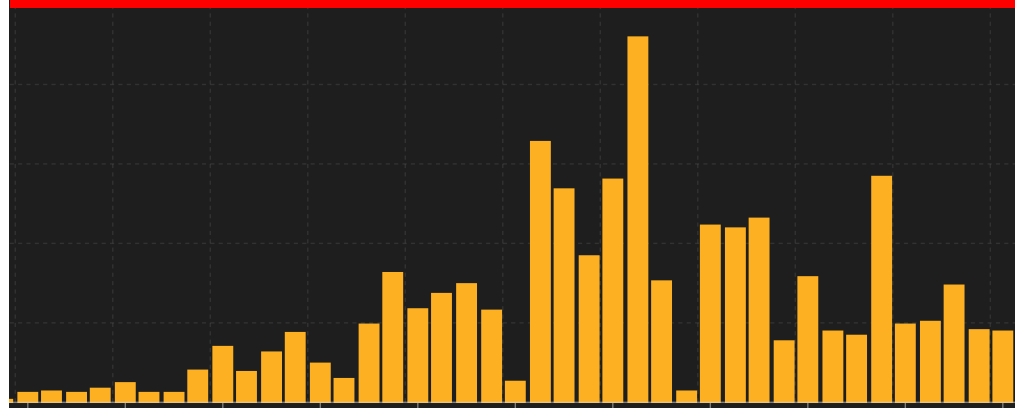
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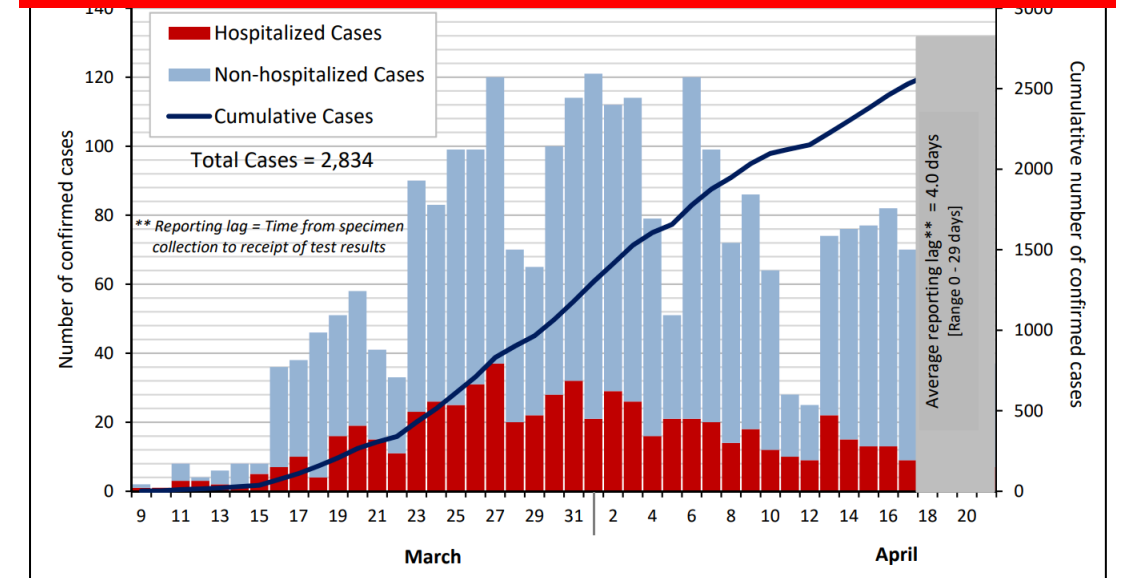
## SAN ANTONIO



## HARRIS COUNTY



## DALLAS COUNTY





OPENING UP AMERICA AGAIN

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# Phase One

FOR STATES AND REGIONS  
THAT SATISFY THE GATING CRITERIA





Elderly, Individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, & those getting chemotherapy.

# Phase One

## INDIVIDUALS

**ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS\*** should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents.

All individuals, **WHEN IN PUBLIC** (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others. Social settings of more than 10 people, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed.

Avoid **SOCIALIZING** in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing (e.g., receptions, trade shows)

**MINIMIZE NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel.

\*See Appendix 1 for Definition of Vulnerable Individuals



# Phase One

## EMPLOYERS

Continue to **ENCOURAGE TELEWORK**, whenever possible and feasible with business operations.

If possible, **RETURN TO WORK IN PHASES.**

Close **COMMON AREAS** where personnel are likely to congregate and interact, or enforce strict social distancing protocols.

Minimize **NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel.

Strongly consider **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS** for personnel who are members of a **VULNERABLE POPULATION.**



# Phase One

## SPECIFIC TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

**SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES** (e.g., daycare, camp) that are currently closed should remain closed.

**VISITS TO SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS** should be prohibited. Those who do interact with residents and patients must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene.

**LARGE VENUES** (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under strict physical distancing protocols.

**ELECTIVE SURGERIES** can resume, as clinically appropriate, on an outpatient basis at facilities that adhere to CMS guidelines.

**GYMS** can open if they adhere to strict physical distancing and sanitation protocols.

**BARS** should remain closed.

## FASE 1 - Para Iglesias

**INDIVIDUOS:** Refugiarse en su lugar y maximizar la distancia física. Evite los entornos sociales de más de 10 personas.

**SERVICIOS: SIN CAMBIO** - Las iglesias solo pueden "operar bajo ESTRUCTOS protocolos de distanciamiento físico."

- Manténgase al menos a 6 pies de otras personas
- No se junte en grupos
- Manténgase alejado de lugares concurridos y evite reuniones masivas
- Cerrar áreas comunes: salones de becas, salas de descanso, áreas de café / recepción, etc.

**ACTIVIDADES:** Las actividades para niños y jóvenes deben **CERRARSE**.

**PERSONAL / VOLUNTARIOS:** Trabaje desde casa y minimice los viajes no esenciales.



# Phase Two

FOR STATES AND REGIONS WITH NO EVIDENCE OF  
A REBOUND AND THAT SATISFY THE GATING  
CRITERIA A SECOND TIME



# Phase Two

## INDIVIDUALS

**ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS** should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents.

All individuals, **WHEN IN PUBLIC** (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others. Social settings of more than 50 people, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed.

**NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** can resume.



# Phase Two

## EMPLOYERS

Continue to **ENCOURAGE TELEWORK**, whenever possible and feasible with business operations.

Close **COMMON AREAS** where personnel are likely to congregate and interact, or enforce moderate social distancing protocols.

**NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** can resume.

Strongly consider **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS** for personnel who are members of a **VULNERABLE POPULATION**.



# Phase Two

## SPECIFIC TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

**SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES** (e.g., daycare, camp) can reopen.

**VISITS TO SENIOR CARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS** should be prohibited. Those who do interact with residents and patients must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene.

**LARGE VENUES** (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under moderate physical distancing protocols.

**ELECTIVE SURGERIES** can resume, as clinically appropriate, on an outpatient and in-patient basis at facilities that adhere to CMS guidelines.

**GYMS** can remain open if they adhere to strict physical distancing and sanitation protocols.

**BARS** may operate with diminished standing-room occupancy, where applicable and appropriate.



**INDIVIDUOS:** Refugiarse en su lugar y maximizar la distancia física. Evite los entornos sociales de más de 10 personas.

**SERVICIOS: PRESENTE GRADUALMENTE LAS REUNIONES FÍSICAS:** las iglesias pueden "operar bajo protocolos **MODERADOS** de distanciamiento físico."

- Precauciones de saneamiento
- Precauciones de seguridad
- Precauciones de juntas

**ACTIVIDADES:** Las actividades para niños y jóvenes no se pueden reabrir si no pueden cumplir con los protocolos.

**PERSONAL / VOLUNTARIOS:** Trabaje desde casa y minimice los viajes no esenciales.

### **Precauciones de saneamiento.**

Limpie las superficies que se tocan con frecuencia: puertas, rieles, encimeras, baños (con horarios publicados de la última vez que se limpiaron), etc.

Haga que el desinfectante de manos (toallitas desinfectantes) estén disponibles en todo el edificio.

El CDC también brinda pautas para la limpieza y desinfección.

### **Precauciones de juntas.**

Bajo un protocolo moderado, sería prudente pensar en reuniones de alrededor de 50.

### Precauciones de seguridad. (Potencialmente)

Proporcione máscaras o guantes para las personas que vienen a adorar.

Tener saludadores ("greeters") con máscaras y guantes abriendo puertas para las personas.

Publicar carteles que comuniquen una restricción para estar cerca de los demás, básicamente evitando que ocurra la socialización en pequeños grupos durante la reunión.

No tener ministerio para niños por un tiempo, solo se permite el culto familiar.

Espaciando los asientos en el auditorio de la iglesia y agregando múltiples servicios de adoración (bloquee cada dos filas o bancos, y asegúrese de que haya seis pies entre las familias o los asistentes en las filas).



# Phase Three

FOR STATES AND REGIONS WITH NO EVIDENCE OF  
A REBOUND AND THAT SATISFY THE GATING  
CRITERIA A THIRD TIME



# Phase Three

## INDIVIDUALS

**VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS** can resume public interactions, but should practice physical distancing, minimizing exposure to social settings where distancing may not be practical, unless precautionary measures are observed.

**LOW-RISK POPULATIONS** should consider minimizing time spent in crowded environments.

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# Phase Three

## EMPLOYERS

Resume **UNRESTRICTED STAFFING** of worksites.



# Phase Three

## SPECIFIC TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

**VISITS TO SENIOR CARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS** can resume. Those who interact with residents and patients must be diligent regarding hygiene.

**LARGE VENUES** (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under limited physical distancing protocols.

**GYMS** can remain open if they adhere to standard sanitation protocols.

**BARS** may operate with increased standing room occupancy, where applicable.

**INDIVIDUOS:** Las personas vulnerables deben practicar el distanciamiento social. Otros deberían minimizar el tiempo que pasan en entornos abarrotados.

**SERVICIOS: PUEDE OPERAR** - Las iglesias pueden "operar bajo protocolos LIMITADOS de distanciamiento físico."

- Precauciones de saneamiento
- Precauciones de seguridad
- El tamaño de las precauciones de recolección continuará aumentando.

**ACTIVIDADES:** Las actividades para niños y jóvenes pueden reabrir.

**PERSONAL / VOLUNTARIOS:** Sin restricciones.



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# Texas Attorney General



## PRACTICES:

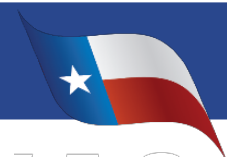
- Encourage all attendees who are **65 and above to stay home** and watch the services online or provide a “senior service” exclusively for attendees 65 and above to attend in person.
- Ask all attendees who have an **underlying at-risk health condition** to stay home and watch the services online.
- **Equip ushers and greeters with gloves and masks.**
- Consider keeping childcare closed, unless the house of worship can comply with CDC guidelines for childcare facilities.
- **Ensure all attendees sanitize their hands and put on a mask before entering the building.**

## PRACTICES:

- Ensure attendees **sit with their family unit**, use **social distancing between each unit**, and, if necessary, **add more service times** to facilitate distancing.
- Clergy should **dismiss attendees by family unit**, maintaining social distancing.
- **Staff should sanitize seats and frequently touched surfaces between services.**
- Consider **refraining from passing collection plates** and instead provide a central collection box in the building or encourage online giving.
- Consider how the sacraments can be administered without attendees having to touch the same surfaces and objects.

## ANUNCIO DE HOY, 4/27/20:

- Las Iglesias deben llevar a cabo tantas actividades como sea posible de forma remota, y deben seguir los protocolos mínimos de salud enumerados en estas pautas al prestar servicios en persona.



## CHECKLIST FOR CHURCHES/PLACES OF WORSHIP

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*The Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Governor have been providing joint guidance regarding the effect of executive orders on religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship. Below is an excerpt from the joint guidance for executive order GA-18, issued on April 27, 2020. The same minimum standard health protocols would apply to funeral services, burials, and memorials.*

*In accordance with Governor Abbott's executive order GA-18, the following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all churches, congregations, and places of worship in Texas. Churches, congregations, and places of worship may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans. The same minimum standard health protocols would apply to funeral services, burials, and memorials.*

*We know now that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.*

*Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Churches, congregations, and places of worship should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization. Churches, congregations, and places of worship should also be mindful of federal and state employment laws and workplace safety standards.*

## Health protocols for serving your attendees:

- ☐ Strongly encourage the at-risk population<sup>2</sup> to watch or participate in the service remotely.
- ☐ Designate an area inside the facility reserved for the at-risk population, or offer a service for at-risk population attendees only.
- ☐ Ensure proper spacing between attendees:
  - ☐ Keep at least two empty seats (or six feet separation) between parties in any row, except as follows:
    - Two or more members of the same household can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.

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<sup>2</sup> At-risk population are those who are 65 or older, especially those with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or weakened immune system

- Two individuals who are not members<sup>3</sup> of the same household but who are attending together can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
- ☐ Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty).

## Health protocols for your employees and volunteers:

- ☐ Train all employees and volunteers on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- ☐ Screen employees and volunteers before coming into the church, congregation, or place of worship:
  - ☐ Send home any employee or volunteer who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:

– Cough	– Sore throat
– Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	– Loss of taste or smell
– Chills	– Diarrhea
– Repeated shaking with chills	– Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
– Muscle pain	– Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
– Headache	
  - ☐ Do not allow employees or volunteers with the new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
    - In the case of an employee or volunteer who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 7 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or
    - In the case of an employee or volunteer who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
    - If the employee or volunteer has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.

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- ☐ Do not allow an employee or volunteer with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- ☐ Have employees or volunteers wash or sanitize their hands upon entering.
- ☐ Have employees or volunteers maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, then other measures including face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- ☐ Consistent with the actions taken by many churches, congregations, and places of worship across the state, consider having employees, volunteers, and attendees wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, they should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your facilities:

- ☐ Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- ☐ Disinfect seats between services.
- ☐ Disinfect any items that come into contact with attendees.
- ☐ Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available.
- ☐ Place readily visible signage to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- ☐ If a church or place of worship provides meals for employees, volunteers, or attendees, they are recommended to have the meals individually packed for each employee, volunteer, or attendee.
- ☐ Maintain rigorous sanitation practices like disinfection, handwashing, and cleanliness when preparing or serving anything edible.



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# Ciudades y Condados



## DALLAS COUNTY:

- Shelter in Place Order Extended until **May 15**
- Masks for people **2 & older**
- Strongly encourage religious and worship services be provided by audio, video, and teleconference whenever possible and that all individuals follow all CDC and County Social Distancing Guidelines.

## HARRIS COUNTY

- Stay Home, Work Safe Order until **May 26**
- Masks for people **10 and older**
- Religious and Worship Services by Video and Teleconference

## TARRANT COUNTY

- Religious services held outdoors whereby individuals remain in their vehicles are strongly encouraged...services “should be conducted consistent with the Guidelines from the ... CDC.”
- Substantial Community Spread: **Therefore, CDC states that houses of worship should cancel all in person gatherings of any size.**

# Orientación Sobre Cuándo Debemos Abrir

*“Escucha el consejo...” Prov. 19:20*

- **CDC & Pautas Federales**
- **Directivas Estatales – Gobernador**
- **Directivas del Condado/Ciudad**
- **Las Circunstancias de Su iglesia**
  - Población vulnerable
  - Recursos para cumplir con las pautas de los CDC / Estado
  - Asistencia vs Espacio vs Distanciamiento
  - Apoyo de liderazgo
- **Orar**
- **Ve lento:** “espera en él con paciencia; no te irrites ante el éxito de otros” Salmos 37:7 NVI

**Recurso:** “*24 Preguntas Que Su Iglesia Debe Responder Antes de que la Gente Regrese*” - Kenbraddy.com

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