



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

We offer this list of questions for the church/school leadership and committees to consider in consultation with their clergy/principal. We recommend that you work through these questions before re-launch:

LEGAL:

- If someone contracts COVID-19, how will you communicate with your congregation/families and those who may have come into contact with that individual while maintaining privacy and pastoral care?
- If someone who has been in your building contracts COVID-19, how will you do a more intensive cleaning prior to its next use?
- How will you communicate your safety plan and best practices to the congregation/parents?
- Has your insurance company weighed in on benchmarks for reopening, and for operating any programs? How will these influence your decision?
- What is our legal liability? Does worker compensation cover loss of employment? Are waivers needed for staff returning to work?

STAFF:

- Have you met with your parish staff/council/leadership and discussed the plan to begin in-service mass?
 - What is your plan if your pastor falls ill? Substitution?
 - What is your training plan for your staff to assess, evaluate and recognize any symptoms of CoVid 19?
- Training resources available at:

<https://www.360training.com/course/coronavirus-awareness>
<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html>

OPERATIONS:

- Will you maintain an online streaming option once you are back together worshipping/educating in physical space? How will that need to adjust when there is also in-person worship/education happening?
 - o Does the parish/school have appropriate bandwidth/camera/audio/video equipment?
- How many people can your church hold if you are worshipping in family groups sitting 6 feet apart? How many students can your classroom hold if you are educating 6 feet apart?
- How will you discourage the receiving line after church and/or congregating after worship services?
- When in earlier phases of relaunch, how will you cap attendance at events so there is room for members of the community to join you and so you don't go over guidelines?
- How can you encourage small group gatherings with the building of small group, discipleship systems, etc.? How might you continue these when in-person worship resumes?
- How will you update your building use agreements to reflect the new realities of COVID-19?
- How does Parish Mission Planning/One By One Campaign/Alpha continue in your parish – implement/continue?

SAFETY:

- For all safety related questions please refer to the [Diocese Directives](#) as well as the [CDC guidelines](#).