

Questions and Thoughts to consider for Reopening Facilities for Gathered Worship

1. We are not deliberating the question “When can we (re)open our church(es)? The Church has never been closed.
2. This is not a deliberation about what is “right” and “wrong”, rather “what is prudent”?
3. There is not a “one size fits all” solution.
4. This is not an “all or nothing” proposition.
5. Is it possible to gather again “too soon”? If so, what are the ramifications?
6. Is it possible to gather again “too late”? If so, what are the ramifications?
7. The thought process for a Christian should never start from self, ie. When can I/we return to gatherings and be safe from getting infected? Rather, when can I/we return to gatherings and keep others safe from getting infected if I am asymptomatic?
8. We should be asking “how?” (formulating a plan and process) before asking “when”?
9. Would it be prudent to gather at a pace two weeks behind the recommendations in light of incubation/quarantine timeframe?