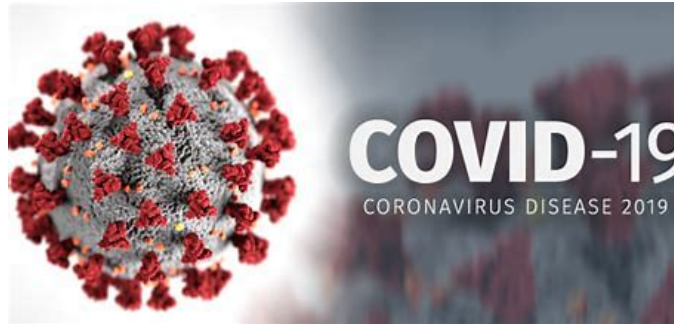


## COVID-19



COVID-19 TEAM

**PURPOSE:** Radcliffe Presbyterian Church (USA) is exploring and developing a plan to return to the sanctuary safely and effectively.

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Radcliffe Presbyterian Church COVID-19 Team

*The Radcliffe COVID-19 team has met and gathered information to make an informed opinion and recommendation to the Session and Congregation regarding returning to the church building. It is our opinion that the Body of Christ remains within each of us whether we are gathered physically together in the Sanctuary or if we are connected via social media platforms.*

*The information and decisions regarding returning to the church building have been based foremost in prayer and listening to God's will for us as a church body. We have also garnered information from both the National Presbytery as well as the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta along with the scientific community.*

*After much reading and studying multiple expert opinions, we have concluded that the decision of when to return will be an evolving process. Our primary concern is the safety of the Congregants and that of any visitors. All of the sources have recommended that any return to physical church settings must be well planned, and measured with consideration given to the age of the members and comorbid conditions, readiness of the building, cleaning processes, insurance considerations and continued ability to social distance within the church building. This is an evolving process. The answer is not concrete as to an exact date of return to the building.*

*The pattern of the virus is evolving and there has been a recent increase in the number of positive cases and of hospitalized cases nationally. Assurance of a safe return at this time cannot be guaranteed. After considering all of the*

***aforementioned, it is the committee's recommendation not to enter the Sanctuary for the foreseeable future to assure everyone's safety.***

***Please know that we will be monitoring the recommendations of the Presbytery, both nationally and locally, the scientific community and God's will for our church and will continue to meet bimonthly (twice a month) and report recommendations as necessary.***

*Below are various sources of information that we have gathered to enable you to quickly find relevant information. We have included a wealth of information included in hyperlinks to the National Presbytery, the Greater Atlanta Presbytery and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Please review these and we will update the sourced hyperlinks when we are made aware of changes.*

#### **Radcliffe Presbyterian Church, USA - COVID-19 TEAM Members**

- 1.) Gerilyn Metoyer, MD -Board Certified Internal Medicine
- 2.) Dr Henraya McGruder- Works with CDC, Epidemiologist, Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service
- 3.) Joan Moone -Retired Career in Design and Architecture, Currently a Trustee at the church
- 4.) Wilmer McWilliams – retired RN- Previously worked in Infectious Disease.

#### **Resources:**



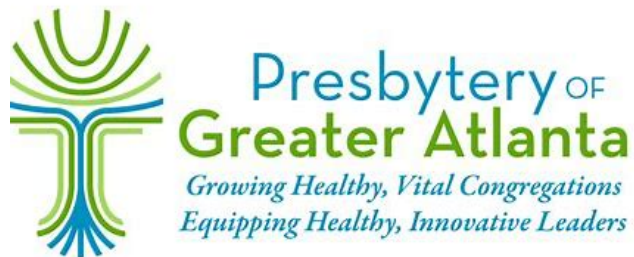
“Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” — Matthew 9:38  
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

## **Stated Clerk says don't rush to get back into a church building for worship**

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J. Herbert Nelson, II, urges caution as the COVID-19 pandemic continues

<https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/>



Position of the Presbytery as of 4/23/2020: **Please note that we have not yet met the gating criteria for Phase One according to the [Opening Up America guidelines](#)** and that we will need to be nimble as we adapt to and between each phase.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/COVID-19--Letter---Reopening-to-Reimagining-Task-Force.html?soid=1011272361012&aid=hH6IDPiZQk8>



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

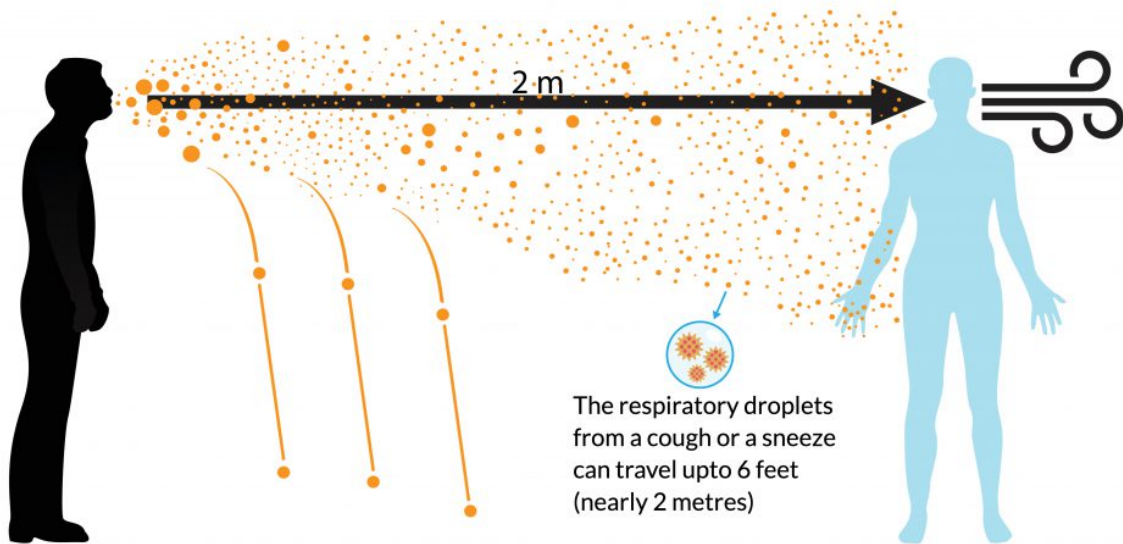
CDC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FAITH Based Organizations

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/>

TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19

Aerosol

## How does COVID-19 spread ?



Contact from a person such, projection of voices (ex. Singing), hand shaking or touch or possibly from surfaces.

## Transmission

Coronaviruses are zoonotic, meaning they are transmitted between animals and people.



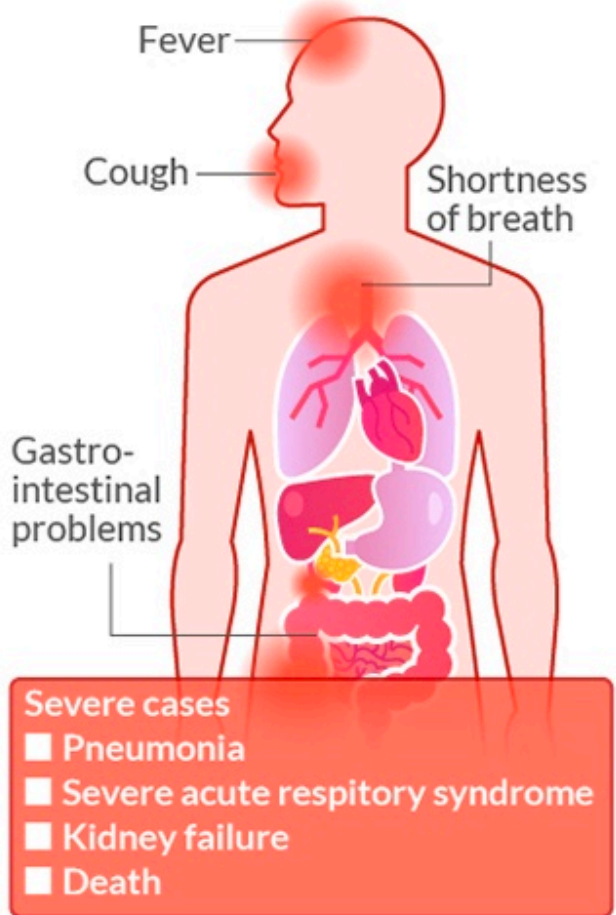
### Human-to-human transmission:

Coronaviruses are most commonly spread from an infected person by:

- Coughing and sneezing.
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands.
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands.
- Fecal contamination.

Source: WHO, CDC, Getty Images

## Signs of coronavirus infection

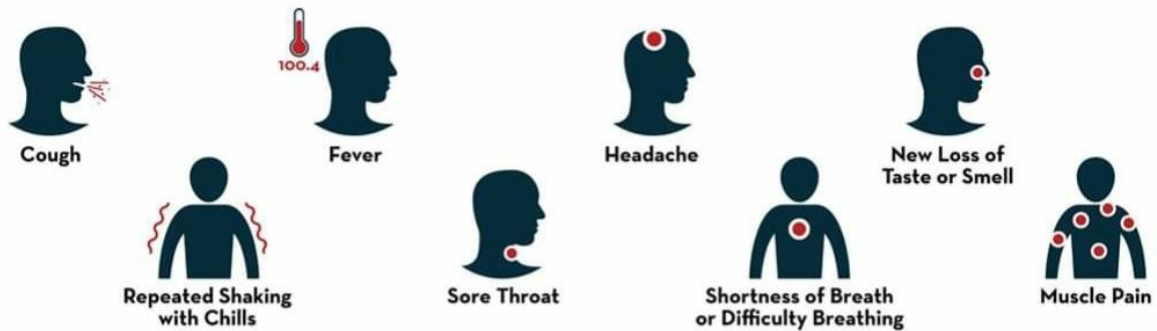


## SYMPTOMS

## SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus:



[CORONAVIRUS.DC.GOV](https://coronavirus.dc.gov)



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**DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR**

## PREVENTION MEASURES:

## COVID-19 PREVENTION



## DO's and DON'TS OF MASKS WEARING.



<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=MASKS+FOR+PREVENTION&ru=%2fvideos%2fsearch%3fq%3dMASKS%2bFOR%2bPREVENTION%26%26FORM%3dVDVXX&view=detail&mid=370361A0A491AA05D9EB370361A0A491AA05D9EB&rvsmid=25D753F4A58306F879D425D753F4A58306F879D4&FORM=VDRVRV>