ORIGINS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY COVID-19 SAFE WORSHIP GUIDANCE

Stanislaus County representatives and the faith-based community developed the Stanislaus County COVID-19 Safe Worship Guidance to provide the community with the most current information and guidance to help make decisions on how to provide for the safety of congregations when worship services were allowed to begin again. At the time the guidance was developed, worship services were still not allowed under the state order and there was no state guidance available.

Since that time, the State of California has issued the COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies. The State has updated the guidance several times since it was first issued. While the local guidance deferred to the state guidance, there had been some confusion with both guidance available. Therefore, Stanislaus County removed the local guidance from its website and provides access to the State guidance.

Below are two elements of the original guidance. The resource section provides link to information and sites. The questions section includes contact information for leaders who helped develop the local guidance and remain available to answer questions.

RESOURCES

CURRENT ORDERS / GUIDANCE

- State of California Executive Order N-33-20
- Order of the State Public Health Officer May 7, 2020
- Stanislaus County Public Health Order Effective May 12, 2020

WEBSITES

- Update on California’s Resilience Roadmap
- California Department of Public Health / COVID-19
- Stanislaus County Health Services Agency / COVID-19

QUESTIONS?

Should you or any of your leaders have questions related to specific aspects of your faith practice, various faith leaders within our community have made themselves available to answer questions. Please contact the following faith leaders – if they feel unable to answer questions, they will provide you with
contact information to Stanislaus County employees who will be able to assist you further. We appreciate your willingness to adjust your faith gatherings to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19.

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