



Clear Creek Church COVID-19 Exposure Response Process

As a general rule, current CDC and state/local guidelines regarding social distancing and personal health and safety will be observed at church-sponsored functions.

DEFINITIONS

INFECTED PERSON - *A person who has tested positive for the virus or exhibits symptoms of the COVID-19 illness.*

CLOSE CONTACT - *As defined by the CDC, you are considered to have had close contact if: "you were within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated." **The CDC also states that only those who have had CLOSE CONTACT with an infected person are considered at risk.***

EXPOSED PERSON - *Someone who has had CLOSE CONTACT with an INFECTED person. **You must be quarantined for 14 days from the date of exposure, even if you never exhibit symptoms or test negative for the virus.***

CONTACT-OF-A-CONTACT - *Someone who has had CLOSE CONTACT with an EXPOSED person who has not yet been deemed infected. **The CDC does not consider a contact-of-a-contact to be at risk.***

IN THE EVENT OF POTENTIAL EXPOSURE

1. If a participant of a church-sponsored activity learns that they had been in CLOSE CONTACT with an infected person prior to participating in said activity, the participant must quarantine themselves for 14 days, according to CDC guidelines. This participant is considered exposed, but not infected, unless symptoms or a test result prove otherwise.
2. We ask that such individuals, upon learning of their exposure, immediately inform the office or minister supervising the activity in which they had participated. The other participants of the activity are not required to be contacted at this time.
3. The exposed individual will work with a minister to create a contact tracing list of their own CLOSE CONTACTS pertaining to the recent church activity. However, the names on this list are not required to be contacted yet, according to the CDC, because they are officially CONTACTS-OF-A-CONTACT and are not considered at risk. Nevertheless, the ministry team will use discretion in deciding if other participants of the activity should be informed at this point. We will do this as a safety measure in case further steps become necessary.
4. If the exposed person begins to exhibit symptoms or tests positive, he/she will then be considered INFECTED. Each person on the contact tracing list will be informed immediately that they are now considered EXPOSED because of their CLOSE CONTACT with an infected person. **They too will need to quarantine.**

The ministry team will use its discretion in determining whether the other participants of the activity also need to be informed of the situation, though the CDC does not require this. Based on our ministry team's research and discussions with health officials, only those individuals who had CLOSE CONTACT exposure to the infected person will need to be quarantined. Because of this, ministry activities will not be required to cancel or reschedule.

For more information, please see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>