

Protecting and Improving the Health of Iowans

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Guidance on "Drive-In" Worship April 4, 2020

Does Governor Reynolds's order prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people prohibit a church from conducting a drive-in worship service?

No. People may gather in their vehicles, so long as those attending the service abide by the following measures:

- All persons attending the service must drive up in an enclosed vehicle and remain in that same vehicle during the entire service. Individuals cannot get out of their vehicle during the service for any reason.
- All vehicle windows, sunroofs, and convertible tops must remain closed during the entire service.
- No more than 10 people may be in a single vehicle. People in a single vehicle should be limited to members of the same household who have already been in close contact with each other and are not sick.

A church hosting a drive-in worship service should take appropriate measures to ensure compliance, including having church officials or law enforcement available.

Is it safe to distribute food, beverages, communion, or other materials?

No. Food, beverages, communion, or other materials should not be distributed before, after, or as part of the service.

Is it safe to collect offering or financial gifts in person?

Offering should not be collected by ushers going vehicle-to-vehicle or other method that requires in-person interaction. If a church decides it is necessary to collect a physical offering, the safest manner would be a drop-box while vehicles are leaving the service. Accepting online donations is the best practice.