



LETTER TO FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY

Governor DeWine on Tuesday August 4th announced that he will send a letter to Ohio's faith-based community to share important health information with Ohio churches, synagogues, and mosques and to share ways to better protect their worshippers.

One [case study](#) shows that a man with COVID-19 attended a church service in Ohio, and following that service, 91 additional people from five counties developed symptoms.

"I know that our faith-based leaders want nothing more than to protect their worshippers, but we also know that the virus can easily spread in places where people gather," said Governor DeWine. "It is vital that, any time people gather together, everyone wear masks, practice social distancing, wash hands, and while indoors, making sure there is good ventilation."

The Massillon City Health Department also wants your parishioners to be safe and healthy. The City of Massillon would like to provide face coverings to your church to prevent an outbreak like the one mentioned above. We have one-time-use face masks for any church in the Massillon City limits to help supply your congregation who may not have a mask or may arrive to church without one.

These masks are free of charge, just call the Massillon City Health Department at 330-830-1712 for pick-up times. We can provide 100 masks per church, but if you need more just let us know and we will try to accommodate you. Please wear a mask when you come in to get your order.

Please encourage everyone to wear a mask when in church or out in public to protect others from the coronavirus, COVID-19.

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