



# Congregational Planning for **Pandemics**

Basic preparations for communication, worship,  
pastoral care, leadership and community outreach. 









## Community Outreach

While a pandemic may require members of the congregation to quarantine themselves in their homes for a period of time, the congregation and its facilities may also be of great benefit to the wider community. Hospitals, clinics, public health agencies and disaster-response organizations may be able to use your facility to serve the community. Your church may be able to serve as an immunization site, a spill-over facility for a hospital or a disaster service center.

Prepare a description of your facilities (i.e., a list of rooms, offices, kitchens, bathrooms and other details of your

building). Reach out to emergency-management officials in your community and offer to let your facility be used during a crisis.

## Links for Pandemic Preparedness Planning

- [cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources) — Basic information and resources on influenza pandemics.
- [cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/archived/community-planning.html](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/archived/community-planning.html) — Resources specifically for faith-based organizations.

