

WHO religious guidance document + risk assessment now available on the WHO website

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Dear experts,

We hope this finds you well.

We would like to share with you the [*Practical considerations and recommendations for Religious Leaders and Faith-based Communities in the context of COVID-19*](#), now available on the WHO website. Thanks a lot to all the experts of this group who actively contributed to the development of these technical documents. As Ramadan, Easter and other religious festivities are fast approaching, we believe these documents will be key, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This document and risk assessment tool provides practical guidance and recommendations to support the special role of religious leaders, faith-based organizations, and faith communities in COVID-19 education, preparedness, and response.

- Access the publication
- Access the risk assessment tool
- Access the decision tree

Best regards,

Amaia on behalf of the WHO COVID-9 Expert Cell

and the BCCDC guidance

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Hello SAC members,

In follow-up to Easter weekend messaging raised on today's call around religious gatherings, please find included:

- WHO: "Practical considerations and recommendations for religious leaders and faith-based communities in the context of COVID-19" (attached)
- BCCDC: Recommendations for faith-based organizations on mass gatherings (link)

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/community-settings/faith-based-organizations>

Thank you,
SAC Secretariat

Practical considerations and recommendations for religious leaders and faith-based communities in the context of COVID-19

Interim guidance

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Mass gatherings and related public health fields during the COVID-19 pandemic

All WHO technical guidance related to COVID-19, by topic and by publication date, is available here:
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance>

WHO online resources on mass gatherings:

- Key planning recommendations for Mass Gatherings in the context of COVID-19 ([available on WHO website](#))
- Generic Risk Assessment and Mitigation Checklist ([available on WHO website](#))
- WHO interim guidance on how to use risk assessment and mitigation checklist ([available on WHO website](#))
- FAQs on Mass Gatherings and COVID-19 ([available on WHO website](#))
- Practical considerations and recommendations for religious leaders and faith-based communities in the context of COVID-19 – publication, risk assessment tool, decision tree ([available on WHO website](#))
- Safe Ramadan practices in the context of COVID-19 ([available on WHO website](#))
- Considerations for sports federations/sports event organizers when planning mass gatherings in the context of COVID-19 (and its risk-assessment tool) ([available on WHO website](#))
- Considerations in adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19 ([available on WHO website](#)) – Annex 4: Considerations for mass gatherings in the context of COVID-19 ([available on WHO website](#))
- Lancet comment: Mass gathering events and reducing further global spread of COVID-19: a political and public health dilemma (<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673620306814/fulltext>) plus replies...

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RE: Cases in the north

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Hi all,

I was just in the middle of responding. Here is my summary:

Our cluster related to Prespatou is continuing but slowing down considerably. We still have a large (for us) number of people in ICU related to that cluster. We just found out that one of those clients unfortunately is likely to be made palliative soon which would be the first covid related death in NH.

The cluster related to the exposure at the religious event in Deadwood Alberta is essentially over.

The very small cluster related to the funeral s22 is also very quickly winding down, I think we had 4 cases related to that initial exposure and some close contacts to those cases test positive.

We have an emerging cluster now in Fort St. James/Nak'azdli (5 cases). We don't understand all the risks yet but it sounds like there were multiple events including a funeral that 2 or more cases attended. We are working with FNHA and local teams on this.

There are a handful of cases that are popping up with no clear exposure, almost entirely in the NE. I suspect there is some community spread in the Fort St. John area that could possibly be from the Deadwood and Prespatou clusters.

The support we most urgently need is for case/contact management, we are furiously training people to support this team so we will be better soon.

Thanks!

Rakel

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Thanks for checking, Bonnie. Let me try a quick summary, and check with the team.

We are having a few small groups of epi-linked cases, including in Nak'azdli community, as well as random cases particularly in NE.

They are adding up, while each group or case does not have significant cluster/outbreak potential at this point.

Prespatou is still going on but more stable with less new cases outside close contacts. Nisgaa valley has no active cluster. Their SOLE is expected to end tomorrow.

No need for urgent provincial support for cluster management right now.

We are currently working hard to add capacity to NH's covid-19 case and contact team. As part of that, we will

collaborate with provincial plan.

Raina/Rake/Andrew, any correction or addition?

Bonnie, thanks so much for checking. Happy to provide more details on any issue.

Jong

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Subject: Cases in the north

Hi guys,

Can you give me a quick summary of the issues you are dealing with with the new cases? Any specific events/exposures? Do you need any help?

Thanks,

Bonnie

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Hi Brian,

Here is summary of the information received to date:
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Attached is additional information for the 4 RHAs that have documented exposures in these settings.

Please call me^{s.15} to discuss further and determine any additional information needs.

Thanks,
Jat

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Hi All,

I have connected with all the HAs and they are working towards providing (1) the number of places of worship identified with a COVID exposure and (2) the number of cases associated with those exposures.

Expecting the above by end of day Monday.

FYI what I have gleaned so far - VCH has identified 23 places since Sept; FH has identified 8 places since March; and Island Health has no identified exposure to date.

They will provide PHNs for the cases so we can link to available information at BCCDC to examine demographics, other settings, outcomes and any potential genome sequencing by lab.

Eleni – I am meeting with Marsha/Samara on Tuesday AM

Brian – as discussed we can have a check-in on Tuesday on information received.

Thanks,
Jat

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Hi All,

I am following up with the HAs to identify what they may have and what can be summarised in a meaningful way.

Will provide an update by EOD today but sense that a short extension beyond Jan 22nd will be required.

Thanks,
Jat

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Attachments: List of Cases Linked to Place of Worship_18Jan2021 - protected.xlsx

Hi Jat,

As requested, please see attached and below related to COVID and places of worship in IHA.

The attached list of PHNs is password protected. I'll send the password separately.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Gillian

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Subject: RE: Request for COVID info related to places of worship - due Monday EOD

Hi Gillian,

Here is the information you requested that you can forward to Jat.

I searched for cases that mention a place of worship anywhere in their record so some may have attended prior to onset and others during their infectious period. Not all will have this setting as relevant to their acquisition or related to transmission to others but unfortunately there is not always enough information to rule this out and a more sensitive approach was taken here.

The request is for the following information since the beginning of the pandemic:

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See note above about inclusion. Under section (b) any sites that have only one case linked and that case attended while infectious only or has known acquisition elsewhere may not be related to transmission within a place of worship.

1. Calvary Church, Kelowna
2. Oliver Alliance Church, Oliver
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4. Salvation Army Community Church, Trail
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6. People Baptist Church, Kelowna

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9. Lakeview Baptiste Church, West Kelowna
10. Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Williams Lake
11. First Baptist Church, Vernon

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2. Oliver Alliance Church: s.22 (unsure if attended prior or after symptom onset)
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(c) Among the cases (b), what were other exposure settings? E.g. households, places of work, restaurants. This can be high level.

1. Calvary Church:
 - a. s.22
 - b.
 - c.
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 - a. s.22
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 - a. s.22
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8. West Kelowna Shelter Society at West Kelowna United Church:

a. s.22

9. Lakeview Baptiste Church:

a. s.22

10. Sacred Heart Catholic Church:

a. s.22

11. First Baptist Church:

a. s.22

(d) Provide a list of PHNs for all cases (b). The BCCDC will use this to pull demographics, identify hospitalizations, ICU visits and deaths. This may also be shared with the lab for WGS.

See attachment.

Thanks,
Barbara

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Thanks and it would also be helpful if we made sure HA included religious services like funerals and weddings (that are in a temple/church etc.) as well as I know there has been a lot of transmission in these areas.

In terms of Brian's request we need to be able to separate risk to the public in retail, restaurants etc. versus risk to staff as there is a qualitative and quantitative difference. Better analogies is to the risks in the ones we have also closed like high intensity gyms, nightclubs, other events (including cinemas etc. where risk is low and lower one might say than religious events).

Thanks,
bonnie

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Excellent Jat, and through you big thanks to the health authorities!

One additional request that I had send to Reka^{s.14}

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I recall seeing some charts from BCCDC about transmission by setting, but am not sure that would be helpful. Do you have that data/those charts readily available?

Thanks again!

Brian

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They will provide PHNs for the cases so we can link to available information at BCCDC to examine demographics, other settings, outcomes and any potential genome sequencing by lab.

Eleni – I am meeting with Marsha/Samara on Tuesday AM

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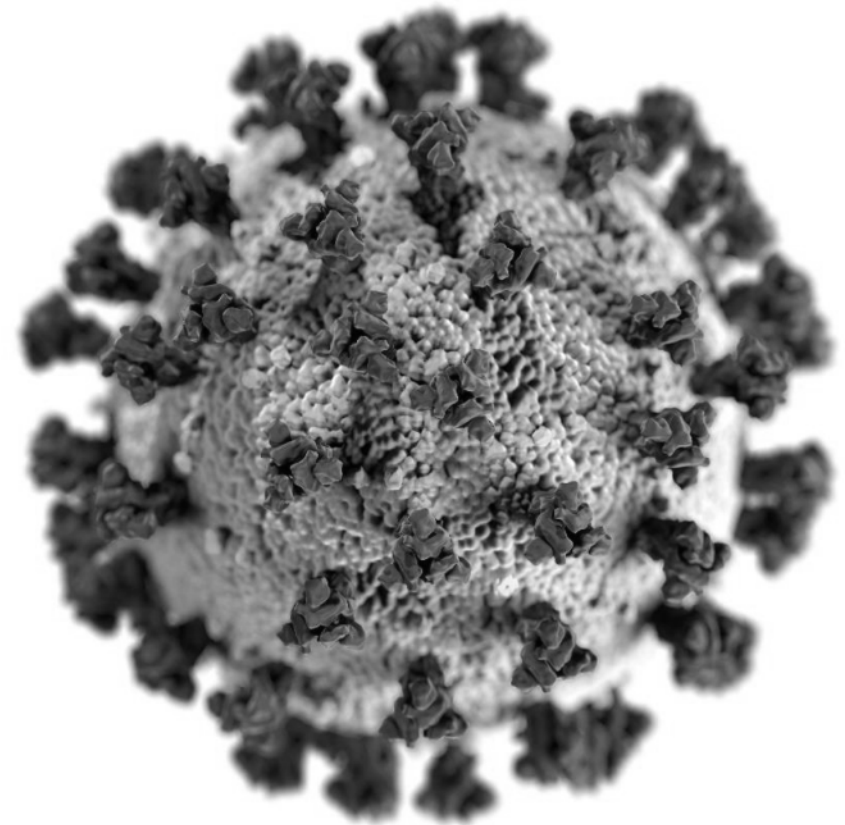
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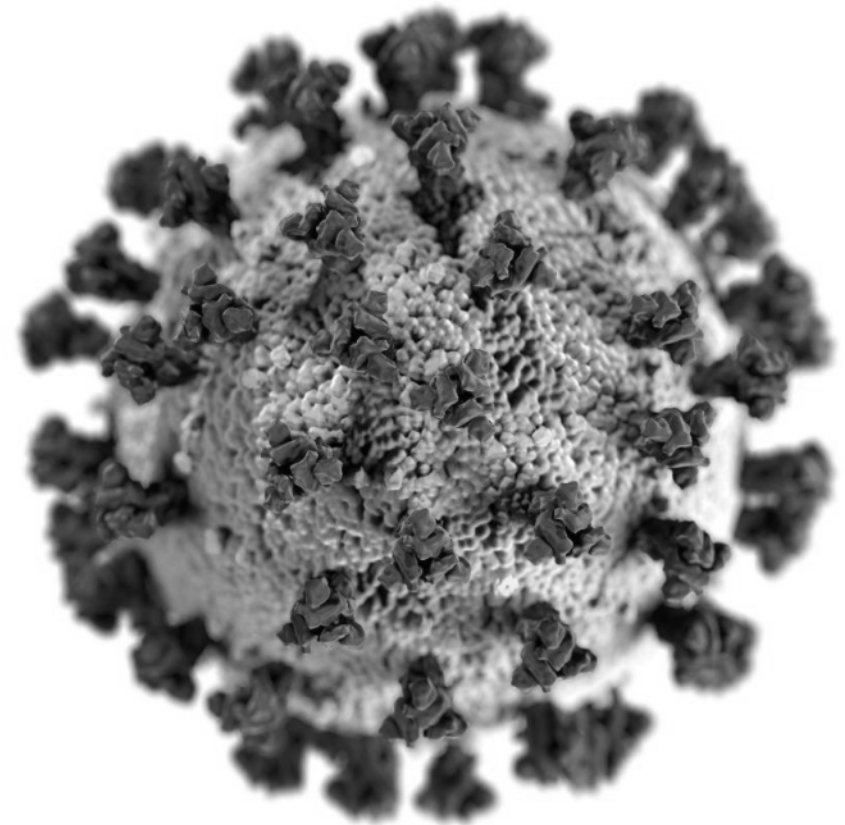
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