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Questions and Answers

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1	Can we get a copy of the slides.	<i>Will be posted on the NVBA website.</i>
2	Do you recommend taking temperatures before entering the sanctuary?	Yes, but because of numerous environmental conditions (like rain, extreme cold weather, or snow) the church’s team of Temperature Screeners should be positioned as close to the entrance as possible. Your goal should be to identify and if possible, prevent an infected person or virus carrier from coming into the facility and then once in the facility spreading the virus/pathogen to the rest of your Support Team (Greeter, usher, and congregation). It is also why we placed/position a Sensor in the lobby).
3	I noticed you’re speaking of churches that have membership of a hundred or more members but what about the churches in the rural areas with less than fifty members or less	<p>The requirement for and the execution of detailed COVID Protocols is applicable for everyone or organization regardless of the church size. As leader and manager of a small church of 50 people, you go must through the process that every church must go through to develop and execute their COVID mitigation protocol. In a Court room, you cannot use size to outline why an organization did not develop and execute their protocol.</p> <p>If the issue is manning, leaders must find a way to produce the appropriate volunteers to execute the safety tasks. Once a person is selected, they may have to perform multiple tasks. For example, a Temperature Screener in a small church can “double up” and ensure people sanitize their hands before entry into the facility and make sure people wear their mask. A Trustee could have the task of ensuring people</p>



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		“sign in” before the Usher as a Check point (who makes sure people sign in and provide security).
4	What brand of disinfectant do you use in your electrostatic sprayer and what brand of sprayer?	<p>Portable Battery-powered Electrostatic Cannon - 19.68' Spray Distance - 4.22G Tank Capacity - No-Contact Disinfection with <i>Vital Oxide</i> - 5 Gallon Pail - Disinfectant & Sanitize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrostatic Cannon is a no-contact disinfection solution for hard-to-reach surfaces that sprays a mist consisting of a sanitizing agent, which applies an even coating on surfaces and equipment. • Vital Oxide is a fast and effective way to kill virus, bacteria, and mold that cause healthcare-associated infections; Sanitizes Hard and Soft Surfaces; Residential, Commercial & Hospital Grade Disinfectant
5	Do you use portable air sanitizers to be used in small rooms?	<p>When used properly, air cleaners and HVAC filters can help reduce airborne contaminants including viruses in a building or small space. By itself, air cleaning or filtration is not enough to protect people from COVID-19. When used along with other best practices recommended by CDC and other public health agencies, including social distancing and mask wearing, filtration can be part of a plan to reduce the potential for airborne transmission of COVID-19 indoors.</p> <p>Air cleaners and HVAC filters are designed to filter pollutants or contaminants out of the air that passes thru them. Air cleaning and filtration can help reduce airborne contaminants, including particles containing viruses. <i>Portable air cleaners (also known as air purifiers)</i> may be particularly helpful when additional ventilation</p>



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		<p>with outdoor air is not possible without compromising indoor comfort (temperature or humidity), or when outdoor air pollution is high.</p> <p>In order for an air cleaner to be effective in removing viruses from the air, it must be able to remove small airborne particles (in the size range of 0.1-1 μm). Manufacturers report this capability in several ways. In some cases, they may indicate particle removal efficiency for specific particle sizes (e.g., “removes 99.9% of particles as small as 0.3 μm”). Many manufacturers use the Clean Air Delivery Rate (CADR) rating system to rate air cleaner performance. Others indicate they use High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters. In order to select an air cleaner that effectively filters viruses from the air, choose: 1) a unit that is the right size for the space you will be using it in (this is typically indicated by the manufacturer in square feet), 2) a unit that has a high CADR for smoke (vs. pollen or dust), is designated a HEPA unit, or specifically indicates that it filters particles in the 0.1-1 μm size range.</p> <p>Ventilation systems can be supplemented with portable high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) cleaners to reduce the number of airborne infectious particles.</p> <p>Portable HEPA air cleaners can reduce exposure to simulated SARS-CoV-2 aerosols in indoor environments, especially when combined with universal masking.</p>
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		<p>SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can be spread by exposure to droplets and aerosols of respiratory fluids that are released by infected persons when they cough, sing, talk, or exhale.</p> <p>To reduce indoor transmission of SARS-CoV-2 between persons, CDC recommends measures including physical distancing, universal masking (the use of face masks in public places by everyone who is not fully vaccinated), and increased room ventilation (1). Ventilation systems can be supplemented with portable high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) cleaners* to reduce the number of infectious particles in the air and provide enhanced protection from transmission between persons (2); two recent reports found that HEPA air cleaners in classrooms could reduce overall aerosol particle concentrations by $\geq 80\%$ within 30 minutes (3,4).</p> <p>The combination of the two HEPA air cleaners and universal masking reduced overall exposure by up to 90%. The HEPA air cleaners were most effective when they were close to the aerosol source. These findings suggest that portable HEPA air cleaners can reduce exposure to SARS-CoV-2 aerosols in indoor environments, with greater reductions in exposure occurring when used in combination with universal masking.</p> <p>When used along with other best practices recommended by CDC and others (like wearing masks and maintaining 3-6 ft distancing</p>
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		(dependent of the size of the church)), filtration can be part of a plan to protect people indoors.
6	What is the protocol for unvaccinated members or visitors?	Unvaccinated members or visitors must wear their masks at all times. They could catch the virus.
7	With today's technology why have in person meetings instead of Zoom ministry meetings.	I answered the question in the session.
8	Can we get a copy of your protocol manual?	<i>Will be posted on the NVBA website.</i>
9	If your church is no longer using a RSVP or pre-registration process, do you run into an issue that the sanctuary is maxed out considering capacity limits with social distancing. Do you then seat the "overflow" in the fellowship hall?	Yes. You should always plan for a worst case and have all of the systems in place to provide people sitting in "overflow" with the same safety COVID mitigation the congregation enjoys in the main sanctuary.
10	You keep mentioning sensors, are these COVID sensors?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>SenseWare provides real-time readings of key air quality indicators and is critical to protecting any Church's congregation and workforce by monitoring, detecting, and alerting the introduction of Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) hazards.</p> <p>SenseWare systems provides immediate alert and warning to include (COVID-19) for church leadership who makes real time decisions to mitigate the adverse impacts.</p> <p>These packages can quickly and easily alert users of potentially hazardous on-site conditions via text and/or email alerts to include Viruses.</p> <p>Standard sensor options include: Temperature, Relative Humidity, Total Volatile</p>



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		<p>Organic Compounds (TVOC), CO₂, and Particulate Matter (mass and number concentration for <i>PM1.0 (COVID)</i> , <i>PM2.5 (COVID)</i>, <i>PM4 (COVID)</i>, and <i>PM10</i>) detects viruses like COVID.</p> <p><i>Number concentration size range: PM0.5: 0.3 to 0.5 μm, PM1.0: 0.3 to 1.0 μm, PM2.5: 0.3 to 2.5 μm, PM4: 0.3 to 4.0 μm, PM10: 0.3 to 10 μm (All detect Virus like COVID)</i></p>
11	How are people removed who don't or won't follow the churches protocols?	<p>If the Screening team has a problem with a church member who did not meet the standards outlined in the church COVID protocols, they will contact their Trustee, or Parking or Security Team Member. The Trustee, or Parking or Security Team Member will cordially engage the individual and move them to a designated place to for further discussion. The Support Team will explain why they were not allowed entre to the church and outline the necessary steps to protect to the church and themselves.</p>
12	What if your church does not have many trustees or staff members to provide this kind of preparation with a much older congregation with no youth or middle-aged members	<p>The Church leadership must still establish and execute their COVID protocols despite age of people.</p>



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13	Clarify, are masks required outside as well with 3' distance.	The church leadership must decide if on private property that people will wear mask outdoors and the level of safety mitigation when a person into close proximity to another person. There are churches and other organizations that a person must wear a mask when they come within 3 feet of another person. The virus still travels outdoors.
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