



Phase 2: Reopening
Virtual Townhall for Faith Community Leaders
Tuesday, June 23rd



A Virtual Town Hall held on June 23rd on Reopening Houses of Worship, moderated by Rev. Mansfield Kaseman was co-hosted by the Faith Community Advisory Council and the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS). Over 300 people tuned in and heard remarks about the COVID-19 Executive Order Phase 2

(<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/Resources/Files/orders/082-20.pdf>) from County Executive, Marc Elrich, and County Council President, Sidney Katz.

Highlights of the Executive Order were presented by James McClelland, Emergency Management Specialist for OEMHS, and amplified by Dr. Christopher Rogers, Chief Policy Officer for Public Health Services, and Dr. James Bridgers, Deputy Health Officer. The challenges for faith communities using public facilities was addressed by Ron Maxson, Core Services Manager, and Ramona Bell-Pierson, Director of Community Use of Public Facilities.

Click here to view a recording of the Virtual Town Hall on Reopening Houses of Worship:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rue4pyh4Ng&feature=youtu.be>

For the most current information on county testing, click here:
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/testing.html>, and if your House of Worship would like to host a testing event, call the county Testing Helpline at 240-777-1755 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week) and provide your contact information. A testing operations representative will contact you with more information.

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