

## Indiana-Kentucky Synod Staff Travel Protocols

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As the number of cases of the coronavirus continue to rise, in order to tend to the well-being of all I-K Synod Staff will follow the protocols below with their travel across the synod. Protocols to be in place are determined by the Advisory Level of the county in which the congregation or ministry to be visited resides at the time of the anticipated visit. Since the advisory levels change with some frequency, last minute changes or cancellation of a visit may be necessary. When you are inviting a synod staff member to be present at the congregation, whether for worship or a meeting, we ask that you provide the visiting staff member with the congregation’s current COVID practices as far in advance of the meeting as possible. Each staff member will then assess how that aligns with the synod’s policies and work with the congregational leaders to make any changes necessary to be present, based on the specific context of the visit. We invite patience and partnership with one another as we make our way through this leg of the coronavirus wilderness.

Advisory Level Indiana	Advisory Level Kentucky	Indiana-Kentucky Synod Visitation Protocols
<u>Level 0 – .5</u>  < 10 new cases per 100K;  < 5% positivity	<u>Low</u>  < 1 new case/100K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks are requested for those not vaccinated</li> <li>Social distancing recommended</li> <li>Fellowship/food allowed with care</li> <li>Singing allowed</li> </ul>
<u>Level 1 – 1.5</u>  10-99/100K;  5 – 9.9% positivity	<u>Moderate</u>  1-10/100K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks are strongly recommended for all indoors</li> <li>Social distancing requested</li> <li>Singing allowed with masks</li> <li>Fellowship is allowed if outside or in a well-ventilated room accompanied by caution in food handling and service</li> </ul>
<u>Level 2 – 2.5</u>  100-199/100K;  10-14.9% positivity	<u>Substantial</u>  10-25 per 100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff travel for in-person gatherings in “orange” counties will be limited, with a preference for video conferencing if at all possible</li> <li>Required that all wear masks in-doors; outdoor gatherings preferred with masks encouraged for all</li> <li>Social distancing required</li> <li>No fellowship time with food</li> <li>Singing allowed with masks</li> </ul>
<u>Level 3</u>  200+/100K;  15+% positivity	<u>High</u>  25+ per 100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unless necessary, synod staff will not travel for indoor in-person gatherings in “red” counties</li> <li>Synod staff will not travel for indoor in-person worship in “red” counties, but will offer recorded or video conferenced presence</li> <li>No singing allowed</li> <li>Sign-in for contact tracing will be required at in-person gatherings in which synod staff are involved</li> <li>Masks will be required indoors, encouraged outdoors</li> <li>No fellowship time or food</li> </ul>

Indiana COVID dashboard/map: <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov> Kentucky dashboard/map: <https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>

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