

Season for Gathering Email Template

You can use the template below to share important information about gathering safely this season with your community. The template helps inform your community about how to gather safely during the upcoming holiday seasons. Please customize the content to fit your community.

Dear Congregation,

We cherish this time of year gathering with family and friends, giving thanks, honoring faith traditions, and celebrating holidays and the new year. But this season, like so many other things this year, will look different.

The traditions and gatherings we often participate in this time of year provide an opportunity for the COVID-19 virus to spread. And while we cherish this time to come together in our homes, at places of worship, and at festivals and ceremonies that celebrate the season, we know gatherings large and small can spread the virus rapidly.

Yet, even in difficult times, it is important to find joy and celebration, so I want to recommend a few ways we can all help protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our neighbors this season. Gathering virtually is best, but I understand that people want and need to be together. If you do meet in-person, please review the ["Guidelines for Get-Togethers"](#) from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). Read it, print it out, put on the fridge – this document is a good resource for information about things we should all be doing when hosting or attending any get-togethers this season.

At <INSERT PLACE OF WORSHIP>, we will be taking the following steps to keep our congregation safe, while still celebrating the season:

<INSERT PLANS FOR PLACE OF WORSHIP. e.g., virtual services, outdoor service, etc.>

I know this is a cherished time of the year when we make memories and spend time with our loved ones. But, together, we can spread love, joy and good cheer without spreading the virus. Know that I am praying for you and your family through this special time of year.

Sincerely,