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TO: Interested Stakeholders

FROM: Governor Jay Inslee

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SUBJECT: Religious and Faith-based Organization Guidance – Stay Home Stay Healthy
Safe Start Washington – Phase 1: Drive-in Services

This memorandum outlines the criteria for conducting drive-in spiritual services under Phase 1 and is effective as of May 6, 2020. These requirements apply to all drive-in spiritual services as long as Gubernatorial Proclamation 20-25, or any extension thereof, is in effect or if adopted as rules by a federal, state or local regulatory agency.

Phase 1: Drive-in spiritual services are permitted; however, each vehicle may only be occupied by members of the same household.

Attendees

1. All persons attending the service must drive up in an enclosed vehicle and remain in that same vehicle during the entire service. Individuals should not get out of their vehicle during the service for any reason.
2. Vehicle windows, sunroofs and convertible tops must remain closed during the entire service, unless the vehicle is parked more than six feet from any other vehicle.
3. No more than 10 people may be in a single vehicle.
4. Each vehicle may only be occupied by members of the same household who have already been in close contact with each other and are not sick.

Employees

1. All employees and employers must follow current Washington Department of Health, Washington Department of Labor and Industries, and CDC guidelines.
2. No food, beverages, or other materials (whether for religious or secular purpose) may be distributed or collected before, after, or as part of the service.
3. If it is necessary to collect a physical offering, the organizer may utilize a drop-box while vehicles are entering or leaving the service, provided that vehicles and individuals remain at all times at least six feet apart. Accepting online donations is the best practice.