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DCHD Offers Plan for Safe Drive-in Religious Services

The Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) is responding to requests for alternative types of religious services during the upcoming Holy Week,

“We know faith is an essential part of the American social fabric,” Health Director Dr. Adi Pour said. “Spiritual guidance can combine with social distancing and make for a memorable service.”

Dr. Pour has given consideration to the directed health measures that are in place, and has given the approval for houses of worship to have drive-in services on their property, with guidelines.

Here are those guidelines:

- Individuals must stay in their vehicle, with the windows up. This keeps them in their own personal enclosed space.
- Audio must be broadcast by available technology to maintain closed vehicles.
- NO carpooling. Individuals residing in the same household may attend in the same vehicle. Family members that live in other homes **MUST** drive their own vehicle.
- Leader(s) of the service are to stay in a stationed area, **NOT** mingling or weaving through the parked vehicles. Leader(s) must maintain a distance of six (6) feet.
- Offerings, if collected, **CANNOT** be by someone going vehicle to vehicle. It can be a drive through and drop. With anyone that is monitoring the location maintaining six (6) feet away from any vehicle that opens the window to deposit.
- Communion, if practiced, **CANNOT** be passed from vehicle to vehicle or shared. Each vehicle must have their own items, for their own consumption. Each religious venue must establish how attendees can obtain supplies, in advance, for purposes of communion.
- Building access is limited to no more than ten (10) individuals maintaining six (6) feet separation at any time for **URGENT** needs **ONLY**. (Bathroom usage)
- Noise levels must be maintained as to not disturb surrounding residences/businesses.
- Traffic must not impede the regular flow of public streets. Plans should be in place for managing possible congestion.

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