

## Connected Families Covid Practice

As we gear up for our most unusual ministry season ever, we recognize that individuals and organizations have many perspectives and policies with regard to Covid-19 regulations/recommendations.

At Connected Families, while our team varies in viewpoints, we wholeheartedly commit to practice recommended safety measures that honor both state and local regulations. We believe this is in keeping with the biblical teaching found in [1 Peter 1:13-17](#), and [1 Timothy 3:2 & 7](#). While we are eager (and planning!) to continue partnering with churches to deliver parenting workshops, we want to do so with great respect for all those involved.

To make it clear for any groups considering a Connected Families workshop, the Connected Families leadership team has crafted a workshop delivery strategy for these unique times. It is as follows:

1. We are committed to providing high quality workshops that are both safe and honoring for all, and plan to leverage available technology to make all offerings available online. For this season, online workshops are our preference. We have already coordinated and delivered workshops with strong positive feedback. We will continue to improve at providing a quality live experience that is interactive for participants, as well as recordings of workshops available during a short window after the event.
2. If a church wishes for an in-person event, we will arrange these as usual (as travel and airline regulations permit) with the following Covid-related adjustments:
  - a. We will both honor and follow all local recommendations and special orders issued by regulatory jurisdictions. This includes events in both Minnesota and other states where we are being invited. In our view, to honor these regulations means that we will abide by them *even if we disagree with them*, (in the spirit of biblical teaching in 1 Peter 2:13-17, and for the reason noted in 1 Timothy 3:2).
  - b. If the church or people served demonstrate disregard for local regulations, Connected Families reserves the right to withdraw from contractual agreements without refund.
  - c. We ask leadership at partner churches to go overboard on behalf of our speakers to protect them as they seek to freely minister.
  - d. Rooms for any indoor meeting must be well ventilated and occupied no more than the lower capacity of either MN or your state or local regulations (as of 8/21/20 the MN regulation is 25% of capacity)
  - e. Should an assigned speaker(s) become ill, or diagnosed positive for Covid-19 within 2 weeks of the scheduled event, the partner church will be notified and a contingency agreement enacted.

**\*note:** Connected Families and staff are located in [Hennepin County, MN](#) where roughly 1/3 of all Minnesota Covid-19 related cases, hospitalizations, and deaths have occurred.