

Outbreaks tracked to church services:

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[Glenview, IL](#) - 43 out of 80 attenders get sick with at least 10 confirmed positive for COVID-19.

[Bartow County, GA](#) – Most of the 40 cases of COVID-19 in March tied to one church event.

[Pulaski County, KY](#) – Church had to address rumors that had cause community anger towards church because of members allegedly refused to abide by quarantine rules after being exposed by another member who tested positive with COVID-19.

[Greers Ferry, AR](#) – at least 34 people who attended a children’s event held by the church in early March tested positive for COVID-19.

[Chilchinbeto, AZ](#) - A church gathering in early March may be linked to a dozen confirmed cases of coronavirus and at least two deaths.

[Lanett, AL](#) – Pastor cancelled all but one special service to celebrate an anniversary. The result was an outbreak among people who attended that service, at least 10 people attending that service tested positive for COVID-19.

[Dawson County, KY](#) – Church held revival meetings in mid-March in defiance of Governor’s recommendation for churches to suspend services - 24 cases of COVID-19 and two deaths with an epidemiological link to those revival meetings.

[Kansas City, KS](#) – A church conference held in late March is now linked to at least 44 COVID-19 cases and five deaths.

[Kansas](#) - Kansas Department of Health and Environment has tracked at least 12 case clusters of COVID -19 that stem from church gatherings.

[Chicago, IL](#) – Man hugs people at a funeral and later at a birthday party, he later tested positive for COVID-19. At least 15 people he hugged were later diagnosed with COVID-19 and 3 of them died.

[Sacramento, CA](#) – 314 cases of COVID-19 have been linked to church gatherings with 71 cases from one single church who continued to meeting in defiance of the Governor’s orders.

[Albany, GA](#) – Number of COVID cases exploded in this town following two funerals. At least 20 people who attended the funerals were diagnosed and the number secondary people infected ballooned. [Pastors](#) feel they are being unfairly blamed by the community for the outbreaks.

[Skagit County, WA](#) – At least two people have died from Covid-19 and 45 people were diagnosed with COVID-19 after a March 10 choir practice at a Presbyterian church. [Communal singing](#) has been linked to outbreaks around the world and churches in many places are being asked not to sing during services in recovery.

[Chicago, IL](#) – Church refuses to follow the size and distancing limits on gatherings and encourages members to hug one another saying Jesus will protect them. Community sees them as a threat and has started posting angry comments on their FB page.

[Calgary, Alberta](#) – Church mourns as a gathering mid-March which abided by social distancing and hygiene practices still resulted in 24 of 41 attenders being infected with 2 dying. “Under the circumstances, we thought we were going to be safe. We were very diligent about physical distancing, very diligent about hand hygiene.” Pastor says, “I would do anything for a do-over. It’s very very hard to live with this reality.”

[COGIC](#) – As many as 30 bishops and prominent clergy dying of covid-19, the deaths appeared to stem from conferences and funerals held within the denomination through mid-March.