

Dear Event Attendee:

You are being contacted because you may have attended a Christmas Eve Service at Christ our Savior Church in Manchester, VT on 12/24/2020. The Vermont Department of Health has learned that at least one person with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) attended this event while infectious.

The Vermont Department of Health is closely monitoring the situation and Christ our Savior Church is assisting in our efforts to prevent further spread of the virus. You will be contacted directly by the Vermont Department of Health if you have tested positive for COVID-19.

You might have had a low-risk encounter with an infectious person. Because it can take up to 14 days from the date of exposure to the virus for symptoms to show, we recommend that you take the following actions to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

If this event was with people who are not in your usual social circle, please avoid close contact with others and consider getting tested for COVID-19.

Even if you are not experiencing any symptoms, consider testing for COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the virus. Learn more about getting tested in Vermont or contact your local health department for more information.

Call your primary care provider if you have any symptoms of COVID-19. Stay home if you are sick. Wear a mask in public when you cannot stay 6 feet apart from other people. Make sure you and members of your household wash their hands often using soap and water for 20 seconds. Make sure every member of your household covers their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their elbow and then washes their hands afterwards.

COVID-19 spreads mainly from having close contact with someone who has a COVID-19 infection.

The virus is thought to be spread by droplets from person to person when they speak, cough, or sneeze. Droplets travel less than 6 feet. When droplets from another person get in your mouth or nose, you can inhale them into your lungs. This virus can be spread by people without symptoms.

As the state experiences a steady increase in cases, Vermonters are strongly urged to avoid unnecessary travel, including for the holidays, and avoid social gatherings with people you do not live with. Here is information about the current guidelines for gatherings.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Vermont Department of Health at 802-863-7240. Due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individuals with COVID-19. We hope this information is helpful for you. Thank you for your actions to help prevent further spread of the virus.

Sincerely,

Vermont Department of Health