

## The Journey Out of Lockdown – Extended Q&A

There were so many questions asked during our “Journey Out of Lockdown” webinar on Wednesday 1 July that we decided to record an extended Q&A with John Stevens after event, covering some of the questions we didn’t get to.

In the following session John covers the following questions:

- The Government guidance is caveated with a statement that church should still take place online where possible. Does this mean we shouldn’t rush to resume meetings?
- What is the legal test for a risk assessment? Are Trustees responsible for this – even if you are a CIO? What are the legal implications?
- What implications are there for creche and Sunday School in these new guidelines?
- What about midweek youth groups for churches?
- Teachers who belong to a church have been told they can sing in school, but they can’t at church – how do we handle that pastorally?
- Many churches will move to a multi-service model to deal with social distancing, what are the cleaning requirements between those services?
- What mitigations do we need to put in place if we cannot maintain the 2 metre social distancing and instead need to move to 1 metre+?
- How does a church avoid a “church within a church” mentality if there are multiple services?
- The Lord’s Supper and Baptism are both mentioned in the Government guidelines. Any advice on how these can take place within the guidelines?
- Is there a requirement for the church to tell a Local Authority that it is reopening its building?
- How do we manage these restrictions – especially with regards to visitors – without appearing unloving?
- How does test and trace work if your church runs an “anonymous group” for addictions?

You can watch and listen back to the webinar, and access further resources, on [the FIEC website](#).