

# San Bernardino County reverses course on preplanned drive-in religious services, urges caution over coronavirus

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Drive-in religious services planned this week in San Bernardino County can proceed, but congregants must be kept apart to avoid spreading the [novel coronavirus](#), county officials said Wednesday, April 8.

The county clarified its [Tuesday, April 7, order](#) that told people to stay home and not participate in drive-up religious services, including those planned this week for Passover and Easter.

The order created “unintended consequences and hardships,” according to the county.

Major religious observances set for the next four days, and for which planning has been done and money spent, may proceed, but church officials must make every effort to prevent contact between participants, the release said.

“We recognize the need to act quickly to slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout San Bernardino County,” Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman said in a statement. “But we also recognize that we must take into consideration the myriad of impacts that can be felt in a large and diverse county, and be willing to provide clarification and make adjustments while keeping our communities safe and healthy.”