Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists

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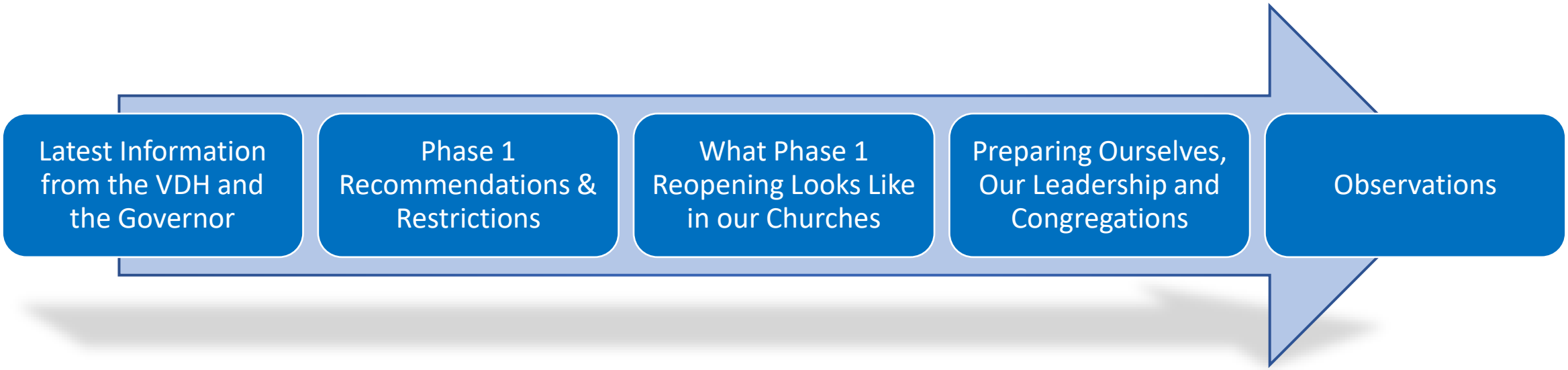

VAFWB Pastor Update: May 12, 2020

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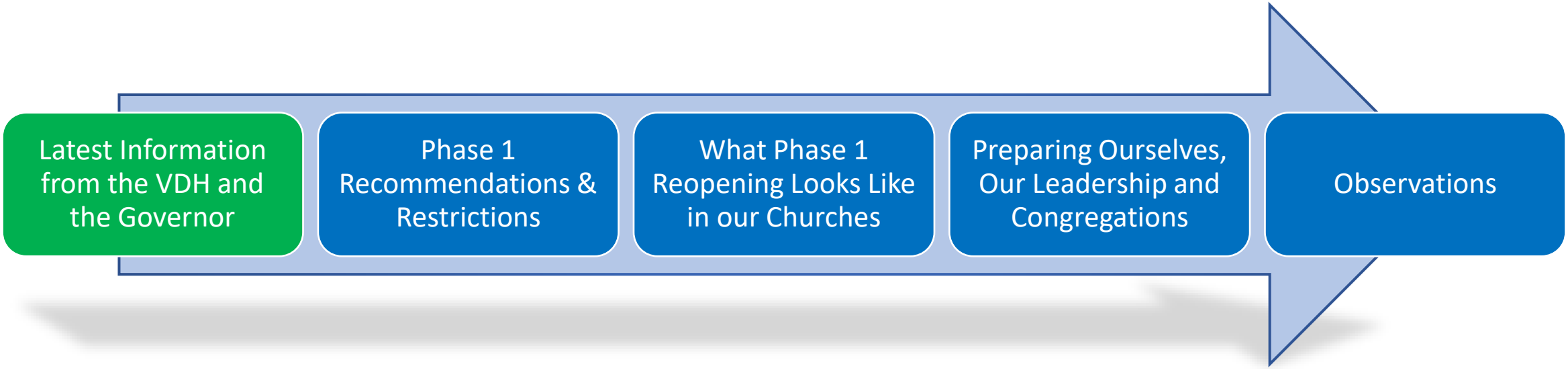

- Current demographics from VDH: COVID-19 Cases in VA
- Governor likely to confirm (tomorrow) Phase 1 beginning Friday
- Northern Virginia in comparison to the rest of the state which will likely leave Northern Virginia on full restrictions
- Suggests that Phase 1 would last two-to-four weeks

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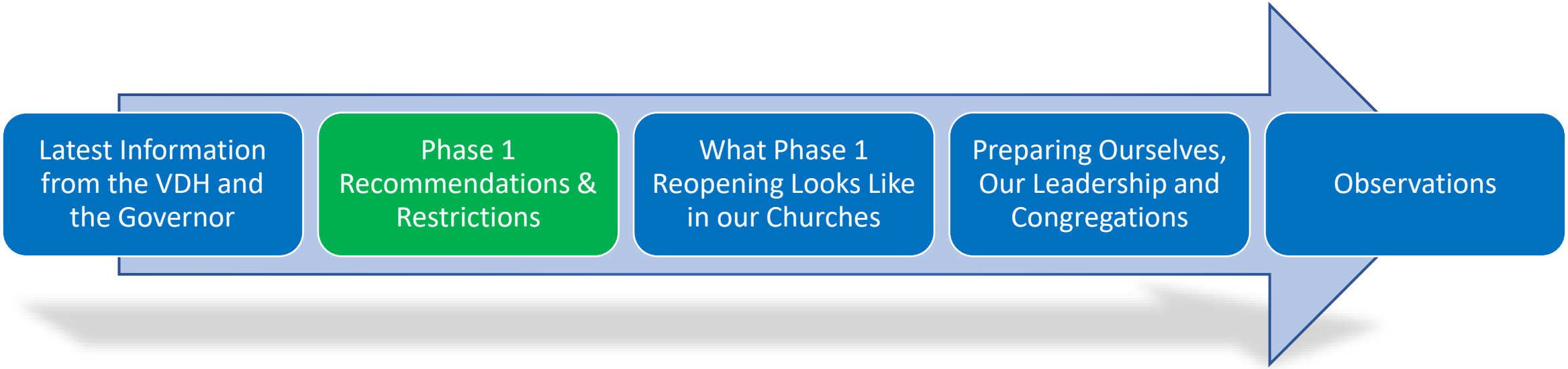

- Guidelines for all business sectors, and especially Religious Services: Detailed Guidelines
  (will go over details for religious services on next slide)
- Cleaning/disinfecting in Phase 1: CDC Recommendations

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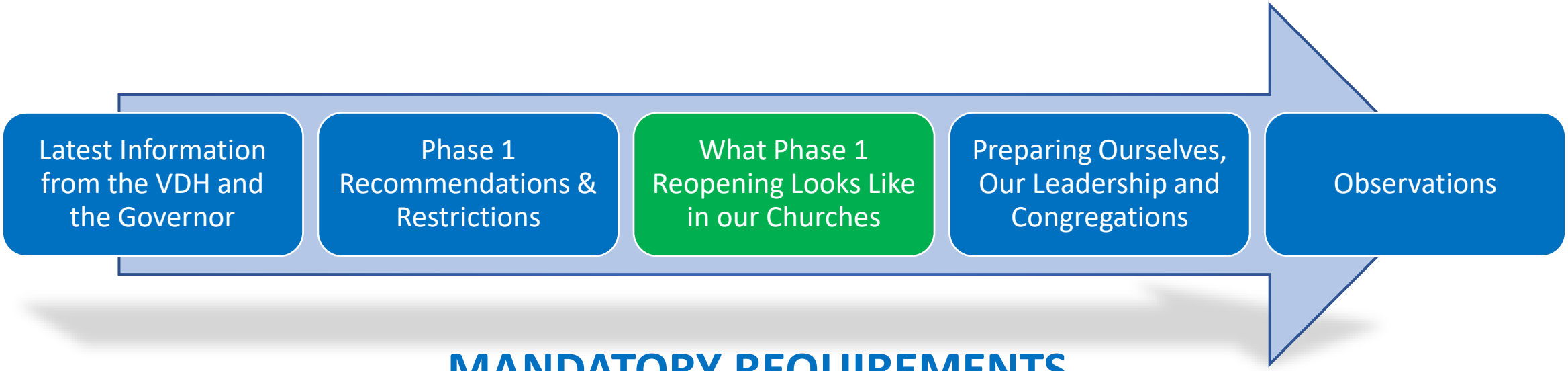

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

(as suggested by the VDH)

- No more than 50% of lowest occupancy on certificate
- Individuals at least 6-feet apart
- Families may be seated together
- Seating marked in 6-foot increments
- Recommended face coverings over nose & mouth for everyone
- No items passed between individuals except for family members
- All food containers/items disposable and used only once
- Cleaning/disinfecting prior to and following all services
- Posting of signage at entrance:
  - *No one allowed entrance with fever or symptoms of COVID-19/known exposure to COVID-19 case prior 14 days*
  - *Post signage to provide public health reminders (available through VDH)*

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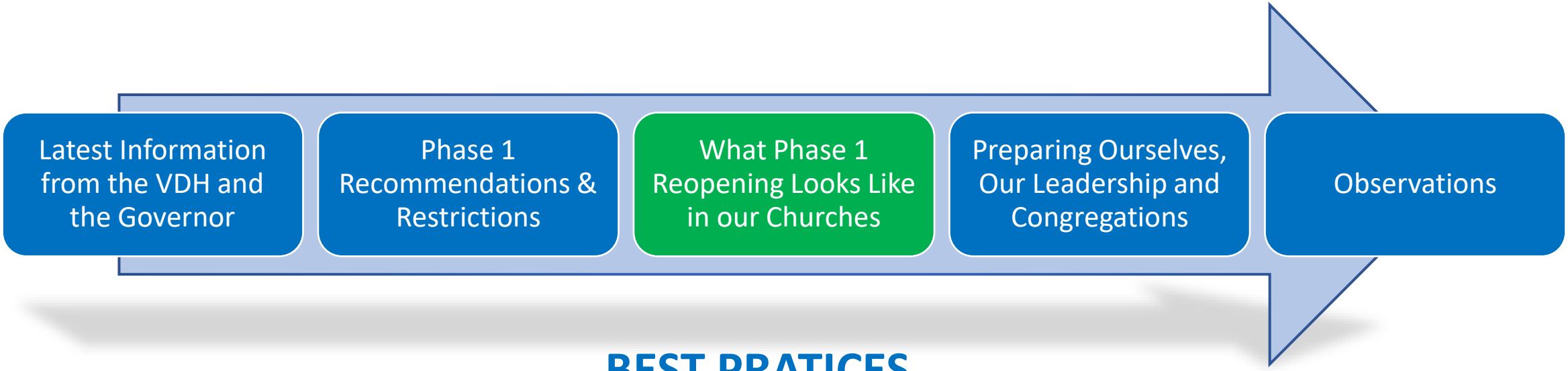

BEST PRATICES

(as suggested by the VDH)

FOR BUILDINGS

- Cleaning before/after services
- Interior doors open to limit touching
- Sanitizing stations throughout, especially at entry and exit points
- Digital or message boards for announcements rather than handouts

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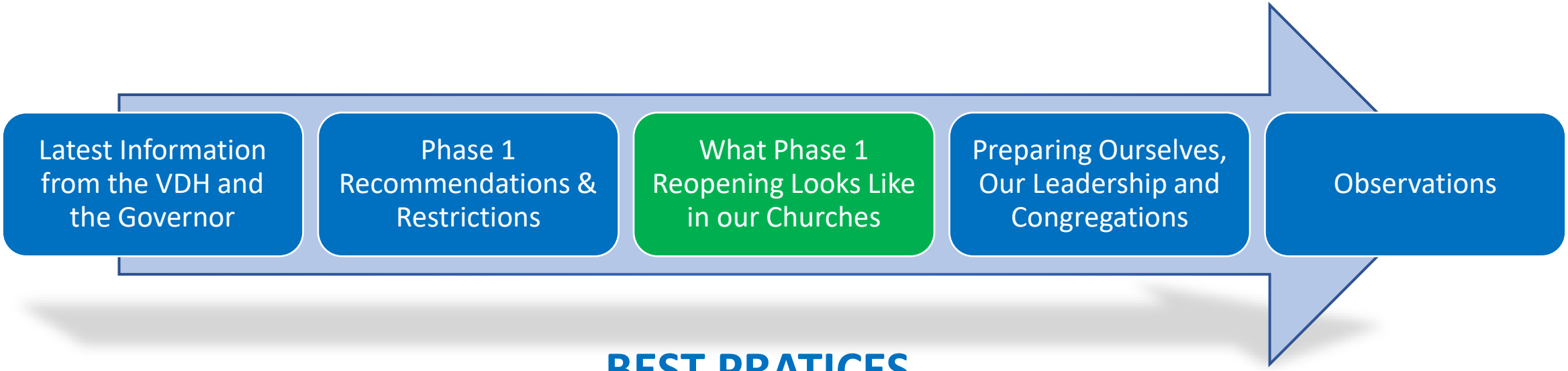

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FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- Safer at home still advisable
- Multiple services if needed, with cleaning between as expected or Drive-in/parking lot service
- Suspend activities/ministries where people stand close to one another
- Shorter service to avoid need for bathroom use
- Use face coverings
- Ensure social distancing in parking lots and common areas
- Discontinue use of common items (microphones, books, etc.)

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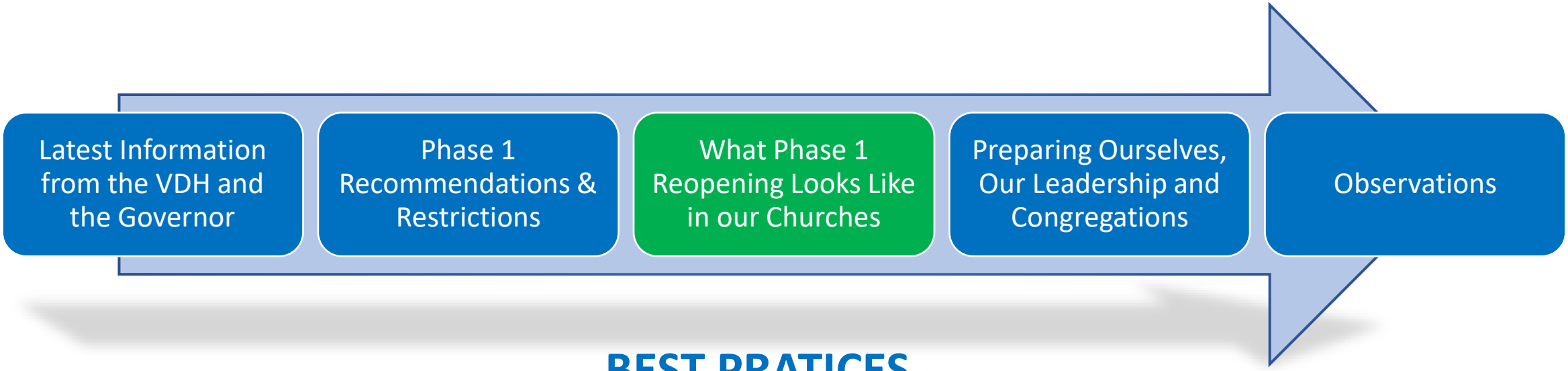

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FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- Continue online services
- Drive-in/parking lot church
- Multiple gatherings during the week
- Utilize multiple methods

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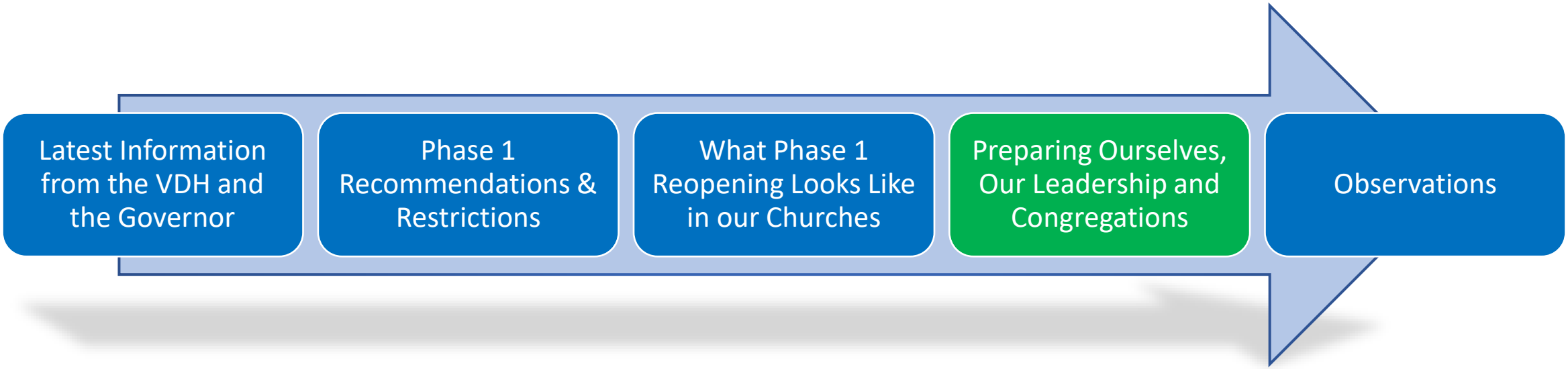

FOR PASTORS

- The needs of your people for health & spiritual well being
- The approach best for you and your congregation
- The ability to meet the expectations of Phase 1
- The logistics beyond the expectations

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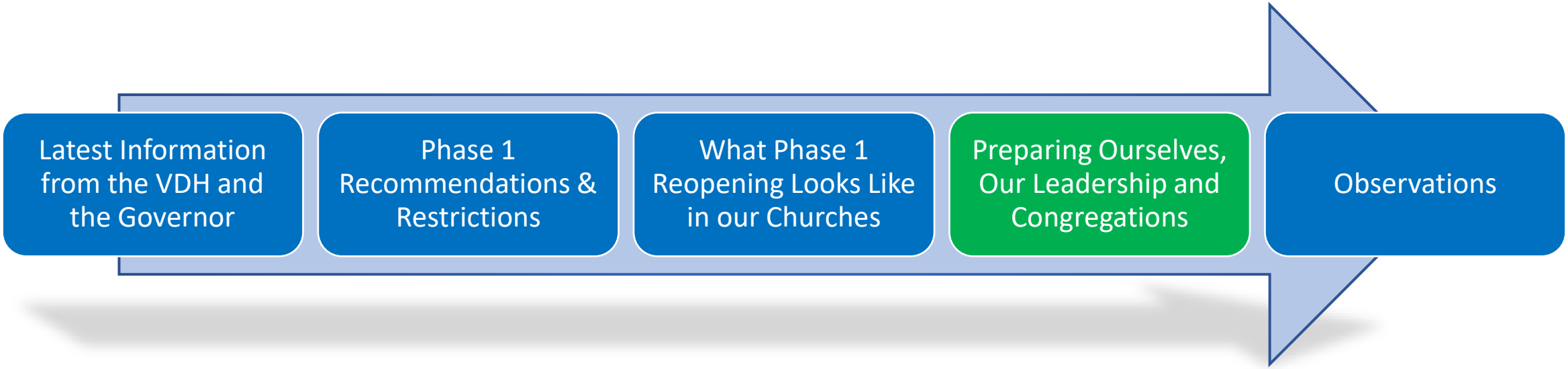

FOR LEADERS

- Willingness to take on new roles
- Sympathetic to the needs behind the caution
- Their importance to congregational understanding and cooperation

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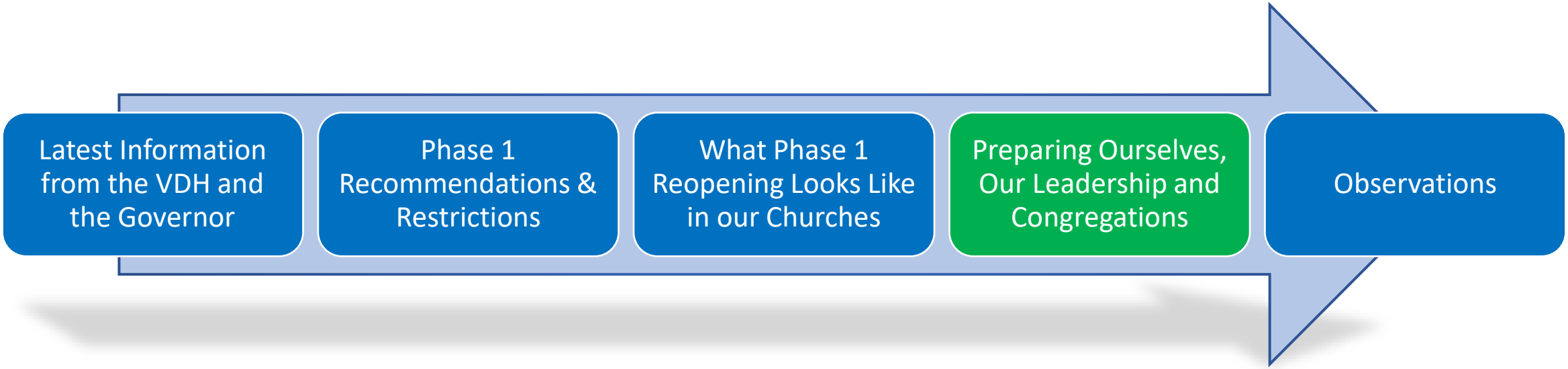

FOR CONGREGATIONS

- To understand the purpose of caution
- To consider the well being of others
- To return, right now/for now, is not the same as before
- To encourage thankfulness, regardless of some restrictions
- To allow others liberty in feeling comfortable when choosing to return

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Preparing Ourselves, Our Leadership and Congregations

Observations

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