

## Small Group Meetings During COVID-19 – What to Expect

During our church small group meetings, the health of all attendees is of primary importance. For this reason, safety requirements have been established for our time together.

### **THINGS TO KNOW PRIOR TO LEAVING HOME**

**Vulnerable People:** In keeping with guidance from the Greater New Jersey Conference, we remind everyone to be aware that some people are at increased risk for COVID-19. For more information on whether you may be at increased risk please review the Center for Disease Control (CDC) information found [here](#).

**IF YOU ARE SICK STAY HOME:** When you arrive at church you will be asked to perform a [health assessment](#). Please review prior to arriving at church. If you cannot successfully complete the assessment, do not attend your small group meeting at this time.

**Follow Established Safety Requirements:** Taking care of ourselves and each other is an important part of being the church. To this end, it is imperative that all safety requirements are followed during our time together. Please follow all established safety requirements and proceed directly to and from your meeting space. Do not enter parts of the building that are not related to your meeting.

**Food and Beverages:** No food or beverages\* may be consumed during gatherings so please do not bring them. (\*Note: Water is permitted but please minimize time without mask when drinking. If you plan to drink water, please bring your own.)

**Church Kitchen:** The Church Kitchen is currently closed. If needed, please bring your own water, in your own drinking container.

**Restrooms:** In order to minimize restroom use, and thus reduce sanitation requirements, we ask that you use the restroom prior to leaving home and when possible avoid using restrooms while at church.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT UPON ARRIVAL AT THE CHURCH**

**Mask Wearing:** Masks must be worn at all times after arriving at church including while in the parking lot and in the church building. (please bring your own)

**Social Distancing:** A Social Distance of 6 feet or more must be maintained at all times between yourself and anyone that is not a part of your household even while in the parking lot.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH BUILDING**

**Where to Enter the Church Building:** All small group attendees must enter the church building through the brown door on the right side of the back porch.

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**Hand Sanitizing:** A hand sanitizing station will be set up at the entry area. We strongly encourage its use upon entering the church building.

**Health Assessment:** Upon entering the building, each person will be required to perform a [health assessment](#). If you cannot successfully complete the Health Assessment you cannot attend the small group meeting.

**Signing In:** After successfully completing the health assessment each attendee must sign in indicating a successful health assessment.

**Proceeding to your Meeting Room:** After signing in, all small group attendees must proceed directly to their small group meeting room. Do not linger in the hallways or tour around the building for any reason.

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT DURING YOUR SMALL GROUP MEETING**

**Seating:** Sanitized chairs will be set up 6 feet apart in your meeting room. Please do not rearrange the chairs.

**A Reminder About our COVID Safety Policies:** At the beginning of each meeting, the group leader is expected to provide a brief overview of our COVID safety policies.

**Handouts etc.:** There will be no handouts or sharing of materials during the small group meetings.

**Craft Materials:** If your small group meeting includes any sort of craft material you will be given your own set of materials to use. Under no circumstance should craft materials be shared.

**Meeting Length:** Meetings must not be more than one hour.

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN LEAVING YOUR SMALL GROUP MEETING**

**Exiting Your Meeting Room:** Upon exiting your meeting room all attendees should proceed directly to the exit. Social Distancing must be maintained at all times.

**Where to Exit the Church Building:** If your meeting is held in the education wing of the building, you must exit through the white door. If your meeting is held in any other part of the building you must exit through the brown door at the back of the church.

**Proceeding to Your Car:** Masks must be worn while proceeding to your car and conversations in the parking lot should be kept to a minimum.

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