



COVID-19 — Gatherings

Information about COVID-19 continues to evolve, and our position right now is that the safest, most loving way to get together for any Meeting House gathering continues to be online. Any Meeting House gatherings that do not meet online **must meet outside**. At this time, in-person gatherings should be kept small with **attendance no higher than 20 people**. Vulnerable individuals or those with chronic conditions are to determine the appropriateness of attending a gathering.

Remember that leaders and organizers are legally responsible for preventing or reducing the risk of infection among staff, volunteers, members, and visitors. This means the leader of the group is accountable and must ensure everyone present always adheres to the protocols below.

Individuals must not attend any gatherings if they have travelled outside the province within the past two weeks; are living with/have been exposed to anyone with symptoms of, or who tested positive for, COVID-19; or are sick or not feeling well.

Planning the Event

- Sanitize any common surfaces prior to and after the event.
- Check that the space being used can always accommodate people staying six feet apart.

Attendance

- Keep a record of who attends the event in case someone is later diagnosed with COVID-19 and contact tracing needs to occur.
- Be sure to record each person's first and last name, email address, and phone number.

At the Event

- Practice physical distancing at all times (six feet distance from others).
- Remind participants that if any of them is diagnosed with COVID-19 within two weeks of the gathering, they must let the organizer know.
- As necessary, wash hands frequently with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Children must remain with their family unit at all times.
- Singing is not allowed at events as it is a proven way the virus is transmitted.
- No shared food or drink.
- **Masks are recommended outdoors but are required should there be a need to go indoors** (i.e. washroom use). The recommended use of masks is evolving, so be sure to adhere to public health directives. Exceptions include anyone with a relevant medical condition or disability that prohibits them from wearing a mask, as well as young children under the age of two.