



COVID-19 — FAQs

1. How has the pandemic changed The Meeting House?

We've been reminded that we're not a church building or a Sunday gathering, and as the Body of Christ, we're able to stay on mission sharing the Jesus-centered life, regardless of the difficulties around us. The church isn't closed! Meeting together online each Sunday for our livestream has been an unexpected but beautiful opportunity for growth and unity. And while our global reach has been extended through the switch to online, we're also seeing our sites and Home Churches taking more responsibility for their local neighborhoods and communities.

2. Are we getting together in person this summer?

Information about COVID-19 continues to evolve, and our position right now is that the safest way to get together for any Meeting House gathering is to do so online. We recognize that individuals who are connected as part of The Meeting House community may choose to get together on their own. If choosing to gather in person, please follow the guidelines found [here](#).

3. When are we getting back together for the larger gatherings like Sunday services?

The short answer is not for the next few months, at least. We don't want to rush into any decisions that aren't wise, loving, and responsible, so we're taking our time on the questions that will help us make the best decision about when and how to gather together again. We also need to make sure we can put all the required health protocols in place.

4. Why is it taking so long to get together since the government is allowing some gatherings?

Our highest calling is to make a loving decision — we want to care well for all members of our community, including all ages and vulnerabilities. We're taking time to assess the ways that gathering on Sundays is critical to our mission and what other ministry options exist for creative Kingdom advancement. Legal permission and appropriate protocols also come with details to navigate like adhering to changing local and provincial health guidelines.

5. What about sites that have a building?

We totally understand wanting to get back together in person where possible, but it's important to consider the necessary changes. In addition to keeping physical distances, things like Kidmax programs and singing can't carry on like before. We'll be working with our leadership teams to determine the best steps for each facility.

6. Will The Meeting House continue live-streaming and online Home Churches?

Yes! While the pandemic pushed us to move faster than anticipated to a strong online presence, we're excited to combine that with the best of what we had before.

7. Are we pausing our focus on reaching spiritually curious people since we can't invite people to church?

Even when we could meet in person, online options were often a good first step for spiritually curious people. We think it's easier now than ever to invite your spiritually curious friends and family to learn more about Jesus. Be sure to check out our website and online resources to share with them!