



COVID-19 - In-Person Gatherings November 2020 Update

This information pertains to any in-person TMH gathering (indoors or outdoors) with the exception of Huddles (5 or less people).

For any indoor or outdoor gathering (except Huddles) this form must be filled out:
https://meeting.formstack.com/forms/planning_for_gathering.

Information about COVID-19 continues to evolve, and our position remains that the safest way to get together for any Meeting House gathering continues to be online.

The next best way to meet is outside with a maximum of 25 people.

The Meeting House is asking meetings to not take place in people's homes. However, if meeting indoors, the maximum number of people is 10. Indoor gatherings require the most planning and carry the most risk.

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

Individuals must not attend any gatherings if:

- They have travelled outside Canada within the past 14 days.
- Have any of the following new or worsening symptoms or signs (symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known causes or conditions): fever or chills, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, cough, sore throat or trouble swallowing, runny nose/stuffy nose or nasal congestion, decrease or loss of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, not feeling well, extreme tiredness, or sore muscles.
- Have had close contact with anyone with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Planning the Event

- Check the latest public health guidelines for your region.
- 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 for 30 days in case contact tracing needs to occur, unless you've submitted the attendance information to Roger Massie.
- 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/2meters distance from others).
- Remind participants that if any of them are 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 children under the age of two.