

# COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Small Groups

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1. If possible, offer online/virtual gatherings (zoom, google meet, skype, etc.) or outdoor group as weather permits.
2. If you are feeling sick, please stay at home! If the group leader is feeling sick, consider canceling the gathering or moving to online.
3. If meeting in-person, individuals from different households should remain spaced at least 6 feet apart.
4. Masks are not required but are strongly suggested where you cannot maintain 6 ft socially distanced seating.
5. Gatherings should not exceed 15 members. Adapt your numbers to allow individuals/family units to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart.
6. Practice personal hygiene before, during, and after the group gathering, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Frequent hand washing/use of hand sanitizer.
  - b. Cover coughs with a tissue or with your arm.
  - c. Alternate forms of greeting (fist bumps, elbow bumps, etc.)
  - d. Sanitize all surfaces in the host home before and after the meeting.
7. Ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors are available for group members. Supplies include soap, water, hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, tissues, disinfectant wipes, and trash cans.
8. Serving food and drink is allowed. However, sharing utensils and congregating around food service areas may present risks. Make sure to offer single servings and disposable utensils.
9. If someone in the group refuses to follow one or more of these guidelines, seek to address the person(s) 1-on-1 after the group meeting. Explain that we are implementing these temporary guidelines in an effort to love our fellow church members and guests, and remain faithful to regular gathering as the people of God. If they continue to disregard these guidelines, let Pastor Tyler (tyler@highview.tv) know, and he will assist you in addressing these concerns.