



COVID-19 **LAC UPDATE**

REGATHERING PROTOCOL

October 2020

We are excited to announce that as of October 5, LAC ministry groups will be permitted to meet in the Lancaster Alliance Church building by following the guidelines included in this document. Group size will be limited to 50 participants due to the limitations of physical distancing. Social gatherings will not be considered.

Due to the fluid nature of the recommended guidelines for churches, please check back on the LAC website for any changes or updated guidelines prior to attending any service.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

All attendees are asked to:

- Practice social distancing while in the building. Please refrain from physical touch.
- Wear a mask or face shield in places such as the lobby, restrooms, and hallways where physical distancing is more difficult, unless a medical condition prevents an individual from doing so.
- Wear a mask/face shield as you enter and leave the building. Once in your meeting space, with the agreement of the group you are meeting with, you may remove your mask/face shield. For those more comfortable wearing a mask/face shield during meetings, we encourage you to do so and it is expected that those present will be respectful of such decisions.

We strongly recommend that those with pre-existing health conditions and/or those who are considered high-risk seek medical input from their physician prior to increased engagement at church.

We will seek to adhere to occupancy limits for each room to help comply with social distancing guidelines. Chairs have been removed in certain locations to meet occupancy limits. Some environments may have adaptations, but ministry leaders will communicate those on a case-by-case basis.

Food and beverages should not be served. Prepackaged snacks and water bottles can be served if the group is not wearing masks in the event.

GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN & STUDENTS

- The ministry leader for a meeting will notify the attendees of the appropriate entrance door to use for quick access to their meeting area.
- Staff and volunteers are required to wear masks or face shields.
- Teachers, with the agreement of their students, may take their mask off when speaking.
- Please check with the ministry leader overseeing your child's specific age group for an updated mask policy. If you would prefer your child to wear a mask while participating in events at LAC, please contact the teacher/leader of the group.
- Parents of preschoolers will meet a children's worker at the entrance of the preschool area. Parents will not be permitted in the preschool hallway or classrooms.

BUILDING NOTES

Doors

- The ministry leader for a meeting will notify the attendees of the appropriate entrance door to use for quick access to their meeting area.
- Please do not linger in the lobby areas.
- Participants should promptly move to their assigned meeting area once in the building.

Hand sanitizer

- Stations are positioned at the entrances and in the restrooms.
- Please use the hand sanitizer as you enter and exit the building.

Sanctuary & Theater

- If using one of these two areas, pews/chairs will be marked for usage.
- Rows blocked with tape or ropes should remain empty.

Cleaning

- Each group is requested to wipe down hard surfaces their attendees have touched within their meeting space, such as chairs, tables, doorknobs and light switches.
- Disinfectant wipes will be available in each meeting space.

Meeting Leaders

It is anticipated that meeting leaders will develop a sense of cooperation among their participants to follow these guidelines.

MOVING FORWARD

Lancaster Alliance Church will continue current service options (Saturday PM, Sunday AM, and Livestreaming the Sunday AM service) with our current protocols in place through the end of the year. At that time, we will review our operations, the current COVID-19 situation, and chart a course forward.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO THIS POLICY

- Email jburchill@lancastercma.org
- If your group was meeting in our building prior to March 1 and is interested in reserving building space, please contact the LAC Office at 717.397.1121.