

The Grove Small Group/Team Leader & Participant Guidelines
Meeting Indoors – Group Size no larger than 10 people – as of 10/28/2020

Small Group Leaders

Please:

- Make a determination on returning to in-person indoor small group meetings in conversation with your participants. If a decision is made to return to indoor meetings, consider ways to include any participant who may want to participate virtually.
- Communicate participant guidelines (see below) to your group members.
- Ensure in advance that group size will be no larger than 10.
- Schedule any indoor meeting taking place in our building through Maria Rella.
- Keep a record of who attends your gathering (and where they are seated, if possible). Keep this record for 3 weeks in case there is a need for future contact tracing due to illness of a participant.
- Notify all participants if you become aware of a small group participant becoming ill or testing positive for COVID-19.
- Be a good example of minimizing risk by wearing a mask and practicing good social distancing (greater than 6' away from nearest person).
- At meeting's end, please wipe down table, chair arms, door handles, and any other appropriate surfaces with a disinfectant spray (Odoban) that is located in kitchen (shelf to the left of the microwave). Paper towels will be in your room for this purpose. Liquids should not be used on light switches or electrical equipment. RETURN spray bottle to its place in the kitchen following your meeting.

Small Group Leader & Participants

Please:

- Do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath) or if you have come in contact with someone who is ill (or has tested positive for COVID-19) within the last 14 days. Full list of symptoms available from: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- Take your temp before you arrive.
- Bring and wear your face mask (if you are in need of a mask, please contact Carolyn Winslow at caring@beingthehope.org and one can be delivered to you).
- Notify your small group leader if you become ill or test positive for COVID-19 within two weeks of your small group gathering.
- Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from nearest person. Follow signage regarding seating arrangements. Do not sit on couches, pews or cushioned chairs. Only sit in the chairs that face the room's interior.
- Be aware of your own risk factors when determining whether to attend meetings held indoors. The MN Annual Conference of the UMC gives this guidance: "High-risk individuals (those over age 60 and/or with underlying health conditions) are highly encouraged to stay home and should be given options to participate in the life of the church through virtual means."

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