

Policy for Returning to In Person-Activities

Approved by: The Session, April 21, 2021

Purpose | The purpose of this policy is to provide a set of guidelines to advise the staff and session of the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville in offering our facilities for use in support of our own ministries, our affiliates, and community groups in an effort to continue to be and become a community of faith, hope, and love. This policy is to be shared with all groups seeking to use our facilities.

Target Start Date | May 01, 2021

Policy | For Use of Our Facilities

The use of our facilities for our own programming or by community groups, shall be governed by the state guidelines for general indoor gatherings. Currently, state guidelines allow for a **maximum of 25 people** indoors. In this initial phase of reopening our facilities for indoor use, priority will be given to those organizations with which we already have a relationship.³ We do, however, strongly encourage gathering outdoors as much as possible.

Policy | For Use of The Meetinghouse

The use of the meetinghouse shall be governed by the guidelines outlined in the policy for returning to in-person worship. In this initial phase of reopening our facilities, including the use of the meetinghouse, priority will be given to those organizations with which we already have a relationship.

Requirements | The following represent the minimum requirements for in-person activities during this initial phase:

1. An accurate attendance list, including but not limited to, full name, phone number, and email of all participants, for all in-person activities will be maintained by the organizer of the activity for the purpose of contact tracing should someone test positive for COVID 19.
2. Anyone who plans to attend an in-person activity will be required to practice self screening according to the guidelines outlined in Appendix A.
3. All participants in any in-person activity above the age of 2 will be required to wear a mask.
4. All participants in any in-person activity will be required to maintain a minimum of 6 feet physical distancing from those not in their family or pod.
5. All participants in any indoor activity will be required to use hand sanitizer prior to entering the facility.
6. No food or drink will be permitted at any indoor activity during this initial phase.

³ This may include, but not be limited to, Temple Micah, AI-Anon, AA, Families Anonymous, The Capital Area Y, Karate Fit, and the Community Well programs, etc.

Protocols | The following represent the minimum safety protocols for in-person activities during this initial phase:

For Use of Room 104 and 106

1. Groups of **no more than 5 people** (or 20% of the number allowed by the state for indoor gatherings) will be allowed to gather in these spaces.
2. Weather permitting, all windows will be opened to increase air circulation and ventilation.
3. All surfaces should be wiped down with disinfectant wipes at the end of each activity.
4. Restroom facilities will be open to those who need them. It is asked that those who use the facilities wipe down any surface they use with disinfectant wipes and wash their hands.

For Use of the Lounge

1. Groups of **no more than 10 people** (or 40% of the number allowed by the state for indoor gatherings) will be allowed to gather in the lounge.
2. Weather permitting, all windows will be opened to increase air circulation and ventilation.
3. All surfaces should be wiped down with disinfectant wipes at the end of each activity.
4. Restroom facilities will be open to those who need them. It is asked that those who use the facilities wipe down any surface they use with disinfectant wipes and wash their hands.

For Use of the Fellowship Hall

1. Groups of **no more than 25 people** (or the number allowed by the state for indoor gatherings) will be allowed to gather in the fellowship hall.
2. All surfaces should be wiped down with disinfectant wipes at the end of each activity.
3. Restroom facilities will be open to those who need them. It is asked that those who use the facilities wipe down any surface they use with disinfectant wipes and wash their hands.

For Use of the Chapel

1. Groups of **no more than 15 people** (or 60% of the number allowed by the state for indoor gatherings) will be allowed to gather in the chapel.
2. Weather permitting, all windows will be opened to increase air circulation and ventilation.
3. All surfaces should be wiped down with disinfectant wipes at the end of each

activity.

4. Restroom facilities will be open to those who need them. It is asked that those who use the facilities wipe down any surface they use with disinfectant wipes and wash their hands.

For Outdoor Activities

1. The number of participants allowed in outdoor activities should be determined by the outdoor space used and the ability to maintain the requirements listed above.
2. There should be no sharing of food.
3. Restroom facilities will be open to those who need them. It is asked that those who use the facilities wipe down any surface they use with disinfectant wipes and wash their hands.

Next Steps | The Returning to In Person Activities Advisory Group is committed to monitoring changes in state guidelines, changes in COVID 19 activity and statistics, and the vaccination status of our community. If the state guidelines change to allow fewer or more persons in indoor gatherings, our guidelines will change to match that number.

All facilities use should be governed by this policy. Special accommodations may be made on a case by case basis at the discretion of the staff, depending on vaccination status of the participants in the proposed activity.

Appendix A | PCOL's COVID 19 Self Screen for Gathering Guidelines

Screening

If you or any household members have pending Covid-19 tests (due to symptoms, not for pre-procedural purposes), please exclude yourself from in person activities. Please screen yourself prior to attending any in person activity and if you have had any of the following symptoms in the last 72 hours, please exclude yourself and household members from in person participation:

- Fever (temperature of 99.5+)
- Chills/sweating
- Body aches
- Fatigue
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chest tightness
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Headache
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Loss of taste or loss of smell

Travel

We ask that anyone who has not been fully vaccinated and has been on an airplane in the last 14 days, from any destination, please refrain from in person worship.

Vaccination Status

PCOL strongly encourages any unvaccinated individuals⁴ to exclude themselves from in person activities because of the increased risk of exposure and transmission.

⁴ "Unvaccinated individuals" is understood to mean anyone who is not two weeks post their final vaccination.