

Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run

COVID-19 Updated Reopening Guidelines

3/7/2022

Introduction:

These revised guidelines are intended to allow the Meeting to resume more of its pre-pandemic activities, such as in-person Meeting for Worship, simple lunch and other community activities. Baltimore City and surrounding counties have removed mask and social distancing mandates. At Stony Run, this is a matter of making individual decisions and accepting responsibility for them, while being concerned for each other. Please be cautious and respect the choices of others.

Meeting for Worship: Entering and exiting through the front porch double doors is suggested. Generally, try to mingle outdoors. Masks and hand sanitizer are available as one enters the hallway from outdoors. To promote airflow during Meeting for Worship: the library and meeting room doors will be propped open, the large window at end of library will be opened, the meeting room window fan turned on and overhead fans turning at minimum speed.

Childcare and First Day assemblies: Childcare is provided from 9:15 AM until 12:15 PM every First Day. Childcare is in the upper floor classroom, to the right of the office, approaching from the front porch doors. Adults and children 2 years and older may choose to wear masks. First Day Assemblies are held after the first 20 minutes of late Meeting for Worship. An adult representing the Religious Education Committee will lead the children who participate. The adult will choose the assembly location (outdoors or a classroom).

Juice and Simple Lunch: To re-institute socializing in person, juice may be served on the porch or in the library between Meetings for Worship. Simple lunch will begin in mid-March, with those participating encouraged to be sensitive to others in their surroundings. To promote air flow in the dining room, open windows and turn on fans.

Committee meetings & small groups: In these situations, those participating are familiar with one another, so wearing masks can be relaxed if everyone present is comfortable with the idea. Windows should be opened for better air flow. Air purifiers are available, contact the office staff.

Office staff and employees: Masking and separation distancing during the week are not required of employees. They may choose to do so depending on the work involved and the comfort level of the individuals.

Special Meetings for Worship including Memorial and Celebration of Life Meetings: These events involve many people who don't regularly attend Meetings. Wearing masks and maximizing air flow by opening as many windows as possible is preferred.

Friends School: Friends School groups may choose to follow different policies. This is left to the discretion of Friends School.

Other outside groups: For outside groups using the Meeting House, the basic guidelines and air flow practices shall be followed.

Reporting and contact tracing: If, after being in the Meeting House for any activity, an individual tests positive or has been identified as infected with COVID, they should call or email Larry Reid, Meeting Facilitator: phone 443-703-2591, or email; larry@stonyrunfriends.org.

These guidelines are intended to make the Meeting House safe for in-person gatherings. Property Committee has made improvements to air flow in the Meeting room. However, the safest option against infection is to quarantine. Any person who comes to the Meeting House will do so because they have decided to follow the guidelines and accept the attendant risk.

Links: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

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