

## **Guidelines for Blended Worship in the Meetinghouse December 2020**

If you plan to attend Worship in the Meetinghouse, we ask that you adhere to the following Guidelines in an effort to prevent the spread of Covid 19:

Covid 19 affects different people in different ways. Please do not attend Indoor Worship if you do not feel good or believe you may have been exposed to Covid 19 in the last two weeks. Do not attend if you have experienced any of these symptoms in the past two weeks: Cough, Shortness of Breath, Fatigue, Muscle Aches, Headache, Loss of Taste or Smell, Sore Throat, Congestion, Runny Nose, Nausea, Vomiting, or Diarrhea. Please note that the foregoing symptoms have been identified with the existence of a Covid 19 infection, but they are not to be deemed an exhaustive list of such symptoms.

**If you or a member of your household has tested positive for Covid 19 after having attended Indoor Blended Worship, please report immediately to the Meeting Clerk the date or dates the infected individual attended Indoor Blended Worship during the 15 day period prior to the positive test results. The Clerk will then notify Meeting members and attenders through BFriends that someone (whose name will not be disclosed) who attended Indoor Blended Worship on the specified day or dates has received a positive Covid 19 test result. The Meetinghouse will then be closed for two consecutive Sundays following the day the infected individual last attended Indoor Blended Worship prior to the positive test result. It is recommended that anyone who attended Indoor Blended Worship any of the specified days should consider getting a Covid 19 test and quarantining for 10 days to two weeks or in accordance with current CDC and state guidelines.**

These Guidelines are subject to change from time to time or at any time, according to state and local requirements and as determined by the Reopening Working Group. Any changes to these Guidelines will be communicated via BFriends email.

Friends are asked to enter the Meetinghouse using the hallway door near the water cooler. This door is disability accessible. A Greeter wearing a mask will be available near the entry door to assist Friends, Attenders and Guests. The Greeter will have the following supplies on hand to be used if necessary: masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, contact tracing materials, and water. Please use the hand sanitizer on the way in the Meetinghouse.

It is recommended that Friends leave the Meetinghouse from the south door in the Worship Room, if able.

In an effort to maintain physical distancing, only a Greeter may approach a person in distress. If the Greeter needs help, he or she will ask. Please do not approach the Greeter or the person in distress.

Each person attending Worship is required to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times she or he is in the Meetinghouse, even during vocal ministry. Doors may be open in the Worship Room as weather permits so worshippers should dress appropriately.

The Worship Room in the Meetinghouse will be marked with signs for seating, ensuring that attendees sit at least 6 feet apart. The Tech Assistant will assist in helping unrelated parties sit 6 feet apart. Once the Worship Room has reached capacity as determined by the Tech Assistant and the Greeter, attendees may sit in the East Room in the designated benches or chairs. Once those seats have all been occupied, the Meetinghouse will be at maximum capacity. Once this occurs the door to the East Room will be closed with a posted sign stating that the Worship Rooms are at capacity and that Friends, Attenders and Guests may join Worship virtually outside of the Meetinghouse.

A Tech Assistant will be operating the equipment that has been set up to connect to Virtual Worship.

A Facing Bench Friend, who will be present in the Meetinghouse or virtually, will open and close Meeting for Worship. There will be no Singing before, during or after Worship.

All Restrooms will be open and it is the responsibility of the user to clean up after use. Guidelines will be posted there and Friends must follow those instructions. Sanitizing supplies will be available and must be used for clean-up.

There will be no Coffee Hour or Fellowship Luncheons at the Rise of Meeting for Worship. Friends and attenders should plan to leave the Meetinghouse promptly.

## **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

The Children and Youth Program will be held outdoors as long as weather permits. Once indoors, children are invited to participate with their families in Worship. Simple art supplies will be available for them. Children must stay with their families in the worship room unless there is a Children's Program.

When indoors children should sanitize their hands before and after attending a Religious Education Program. Teachers should review with the children the restroom sanitation procedures that are posted in the restrooms. Parents are encouraged to review these procedures with their children.

Children should be masked and remain at least 6 feet apart, while indoors. Circles will be used on the floor in the Education Wing to designate proper social distancing.

At the end of a program, instead of going to the facing bench as in the past, children should return to where their family is sitting. A mask may be removed while giving a brief report of the morning's activities.

