# Vessels (18-20's) Weekly Gathering COVID-19 Safety Precautions

# **GATHERING DESCRIPTION**

The Vessels weekly gathering will be 6:30-8pm on Monday evenings. We will begin the evening with a worship experience followed by a lesson and group discussion.

# GUESTS

# **1. SELF-CHECK FOR SYMPTOMS**

Guests should conduct a self-check and stay home if they do not feel well or have symptoms compatible with COVID-19. Symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

# 2. IF HIGHER RISK

Guests who may be at higher risk for severe illness are strongly encouraged to stay home.

# 3. IF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER IS SICK

Guests should also stay home if they have a household member experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19.

# 4. PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Guests are expected to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from other people unless they are members of the same household.

# 5. FACE COVERINGS

Guests are expected to wear a face covering at all times when in the building. Vessels Leaders will provide extra face coverings for those who don't have them. Face coverings are NOT a substitute for maintaining a physical distance of 6-feet from other people.

#### 6. WASHING HANDS

Guests will be directed to wash and/or sanitize their hands upon arrival. Hand washing stations, hand sanitizer and tissues will be readily available.

# 7. IF SOMEONE BECOMES SICK

If a guest begins to feel unwell while at a service, they should let a Vessels Leader know so that we can do contact tracing if need be. Then the guest should leave immediately and isolate themselves at home.

# SETTING UP

1. Vessels Leaders (VL's) will arrive early to set up and disinfect circles of 6 chairs with chairs distanced 6 feet apart in the Gathering Area. Hand sanitizer and tissues will be located at each circle. VL's will disinfect and add chairs as needed up to 60 chairs.

2. VL's will set up two microphones for amplification. If microphones are used by more than one person they will be wiped down between use.

3. VL's will set up a Hospitality Table near the entrance with hand sanitizer, tissues and extra masks for visitors to use. Floor markers will be placed in front of the Hospitality Table to indicate social distancing.

4. VL's will post signage outlining established safety precautions.

5. VL's will wash hands regularly and wear face coverings at gatherings.

# **DURING THE SERVICE**

# **1. ENTERING BUILDING**

Please enter through entrance B. VL's will hold open doors to decrease guest contact with doors. VL's will stand behind the doors and will count guests to manage capacity issues. Because we are not expecting high volumes of people to show up at once (30 people or less), VL's will also regulate door traffic and ground markers to indicate physical distancing.

# 2. HOSPITALITY TABLE

VL's will direct guests to the Hospitality Table near the entrance where they will be directed to sanitize/wash their hands. Tissues and extra face coverings will also be available. There will be floor markers in front of the Hospitality Table to indicate physical distancing. VL's will then direct guests to the seating area.

# 3. RESTROOMS

Guests will be asked to remain in seating area for the remainder of the service unless the restroom is needed. Restrooms will be available with a max capacity of 4 people in the women's restroom and 6 people in the men's restroom at any given time. Remember to use social distancing. The line for the women's restroom begins in the Gathering Area and the line for the men's restroom begins in the hallway near the vending machine. Both lines are marked with floor markers, spaced 6 feet apart. VL's will monitor restroom capacity.

# 4. WORSHIP

We'll be having one worship leader unmasked and distanced 12 feet from everyone else. Singing is permitted with the use of a face covering. We're also inviting the group to express their worship through prayer, meditation, writing and art! If you'd like to write or draw during worship, please bring your own supplies (notebook, pen, etc.).

# 5. EXITING BUILDING

When the service is concluded, guests will be dismissed and asked to exit in a staggered, social distanced manner.

#### **CLEANING UP**

1. VL's will disinfect chairs, tables and sound equipment at the end of the event.

2. VL's will wipe down and disinfect doors before leaving.

#### **OCCUPANCY LIMITS**

Vessels indoor services will be held in the Gathering Area with a 60-person limit. Vessels outdoor services will be held on the front lawn with a 60-person limit. If capacity is reached, we will turn visitors away, but VL's will get their contact information to follow up with them.