

As you prepare to open your home in these unique days, we want to ensure you and other participants have as healthy a gathering as possible.

First and foremost, please do **not** host the gathering if you or a household member have tested positive for COVID-19 and symptoms have not resolved, or have had known contact with COVID-19 in the last two weeks and haven't yet tested negative.

As you host a ministry gathering, please plan to take the following steps:

1. **Disinfect** | Disinfect high touch surfaces that participants would encounter during the gathering (e.g., doorknobs)
2. **Social Distancing Prep** | Prepare the gathering space to allow for social distancing of participants. If possible, an outdoor gathering space is preferred.
3. **Your Preferences** | Consider what you are and aren't comfortable with people doing while at the gathering (e.g., are you comfortable having participants use your restroom? Would you like people to use hand sanitizer when they enter your home?). Please clearly communicate these details to participants beforehand (e.g., "In light of COVID-19, we are most comfortable with only household members using our restroom. So, thanks for using your own restroom before or after you arrive."). And giving participants a way to communicate their comfort preferences may be helpful too.
4. **During the Gathering** | Please:
  - Abide by current Dane County requirements for mask-wearing and gathering size limits.
  - Do not provide shared or buffet-style food/drink (though pre-packaged, individual-portioned food/drink options are OK to provide if you desire).
  - Be cautious if engaging in corporate singing; the lowest risk option is to sing outdoors for a short duration while being socially distant and wearing masks.

After the gathering, we encourage you to consider taking the following steps:

- Disinfect surfaces that gathering participants touched (e.g., doorknobs).
- Disinfect shared items (e.g., hand towels used by participants to dry hands).

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