

Signal Crest UMC Phase One Small Group & Sunday School Gatherings

Below you will find the Phase One plans for small groups, Sunday school classes, etc. Please keep in mind that the first section applies to ALL groups. Each section follows the guidelines for their section in addition to those for ALL groups.

All Groups:

- Small groups can meet outside on church property. Please contact the church office to reserve your space.
- Groups are expected to meet in groups of 10 or less and practice adequate social distancing (staying six feet apart from anyone not in their personal household).
- Out of love for our neighbors, we are also requiring all participants to wear face masks for both their personal protection and the protection of those around them. Individuals need to provide their own face masks/coverings. This practice will help to protect the health of all that attend small groups and is done out of love and not fear.
- Participants should bring their own chairs, water bottles, and Bibles and remove any trash or items they bring with them.
- There is to be no food or drinks provided or shared at any gathering.
- Attendance must be taken and turned into Rebekah Ducote (rducote@signalcrestumc.org) after each in-person gathering. If we have a positive COVID test, we will follow the guidelines determined by the Health Department.
- No nursery can be offered for any group at this time.
- Online fellowship activities for the church will still be planned and executed.
- Virtual gatherings are still encouraged if in person small group meetings are not feasible or possible.
- Participants who are symptomatic, have a fever, have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with Covid-19, or traveled internationally or to a domestic hot spot (defined by the Health and Wellness task force) are requested to stay home.

Youth Ministry:

- Tentative return start (June 28)
- If the weather is not permitting, within this phase, small groups will be moved online for the day.
- Small groups must be 10 or less (will consist of 2 adults and 8 students)
- RSVP will be required for each small group gathering.
- In order to minimize personal physical contact; handshakes, high fives and fist bumps are strongly discouraged.
- Those leading the small group, can remove face coverings when speaking but must remain a distance of at least 12 feet from others. When not leading, they will resume wearing their masks.
- To also minimize touching of common items and maintain social distancing, there will be no organized sports or physical activities that make it impossible to maintain proper guidelines.
- Small Group Leaders will take their temperatures each Sunday morning and report them to Drew Barton by noon on the day of the event.
- Students will have their temperatures checked by small group leaders upon arrival to the small group meeting. If the student's temperature is 100.4 or higher, they will not be able to attend the small group meeting.
- Small Group Leaders will track attendance and report rosters to Drew Barton each week. Leaders will also send a picture each week of the seating arrangement of their students.
- Small Group Leaders and families hosting groups will sign a covenant understanding the guidelines and implementing the restart guidelines.
- Host sites will be asked if they are comfortable with allowing students to use their restroom. If they say yes, it will be used in an emergency situation.
- All students and leaders will be encouraged to use the restroom before attending small groups.

Children:

- In person activities are not able to resume in this phase. We will promote and encourage participation of our online children's activities including but not limited to Sunday School, Family Nights, and our Rocky Railway Summer Family Adventure.