



GSLC Outdoor Gathering Guidelines

To conduct our ministry and safely serve our members, GSLC will allow gatherings to use the church's outdoor areas. We will honor God's command to "love your neighbor as yourself" and rely on everyone to adhere to the current health guidelines that apply to their situation or preference. Per current health agency guidelines, fully vaccinated persons do not need to wear masks or maintain social distance but are welcome to do so according to their preference. All others should wear masks and maintain social distance.

Leaders should coordinate with the church office for the use of church chairs or other interior equipment. Requests for groups to meet outdoors must be made to and approved by the church staff. Each group shall designate a leader responsible for preparation, conduct and follow-up.

Scheduling

The church staff will inform and coordinate with other individuals or groups that may be planning to use the building at the same time.

Before the event:

- The church office will:
 - Notify the staff of the planned event
- The designated leader will:
 - Send an email asking attendees to NOT attend if they exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to others who have COVID-19 within the previous 14 days.
 - Make certain the attendees understand if restroom facilities will be available
 - Arrange for attendees to provide their own chairs as needed
 - Arrange for hand sanitizer to be available
 - Take attendance by recording first and last names of each attendee as well as contact information (email and/or phone number)

During the event:

- Attendees will:
 - NOT attend if they exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or have recently been exposed to others who have COVID-19
 - Unless fully vaccinated or by preference, maintain at least 6 feet of separation from others
 - Unless fully vaccinated or by preference, wear a mask. Masks may be removed if seated with at least 6 feet of separation from other attendees
 - Notify leader(s) following a gathering or meeting if they develop COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days of the gathering
 - Notify leader(s) if, following a gathering, they learn they had been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 up to 14 days before the gathering

After the event

- The designated leader will:
 - Email the attendance list for contact tracing purposes to gslc@gslcva.org
 - The church office will place a copy of each event's attendance form in the master notebook