

St. Paul's UCC in Robesonia
COVID-19 Re-Open Plan for
Youth Group
Revised: Tuesday, October 13, 2020

The following are the safety guidelines we will be following while Berks County is in the "Green Phase" as designated by the state. As we receive updated medical guidance, we will strive to update these guidelines accordingly; please look for the latest revision.

1. Only participate if:
 - a. You are feeling well.
 - b. Have a normal temperature.
 - c. Are able to wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose.
 - d. You have not been in or through one of the designated quarantined states in the past two weeks.
 - e. Do not come if you believe you have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus (and have not yet tested negative) or have had a COVID-19 positive test result, until you meet the following requirements, based on the "CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation" and Pennsylvania's Department of Health.
As of September 10, 2020 this criteria includes:
 - (1) At least 10 days have passed since onset of symptoms or date of COVID-19 positive test; *and*
 - (2) At least 72 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications; *and*
 - (3) Other symptoms of COVID-19 are not severe and are improving.
2. Outdoor Activities
 - a. To the extent possible, we will strive to have as many of our meetings and activities take place outdoors as possible, as the current medical advice informs us that outdoor is safer than indoor.
 - b. For regular outdoor meetings, participants should bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on. (This will reduce high touch surfaces of bringing chairs in and out of the building).
3. Social Distancing will be required.
 - a. We will be practicing social distancing of keeping household units at least six feet apart.
 - b. When social distancing cannot be achieved, participants must wear a mask that covers both mouth and nose.
4. Mask wearing will be required when:
 - a. If outside and social distancing of six feet or more is not possible.
 - b. For all indoor activities.
 - c. Disposable masks will be provided if a person does not have one.
 - d. A "face shield" will not be sufficient, as it does not "trap" exhaled moisture in the same way that a "face mask" does. If someone arrives with only a face shield, a disposable mask will be issued to them, which they can wear in addition to the face shield or in place of.
 - e. All those who are older than two years old, must wear a mask.
 - f. When indoors face masks may temporarily be removed (to drink/eat/etc) only if you are socially distant by six or more feet, and only temporarily. The maximum amount of time participants may remove their masks while in doors is 10 minutes and only while social distancing themselves by at least six feet.
5. Contact Tracing Information
 - a. For each activity, the adult advisors will take attendance.
 - b. If we do not already have a participants contact information we will collect that information. That information is already required in our participation form.
6. If Entering the Church Building:
 - a. Wear a mask.
 - b. Wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.
 - c. When exiting, use your hip or elbow to push the door open (rather than the palm of your hand) to reduce touching of surfaces.
 - d. Do NOT attempt to use the water fountains. We plan to have the water fountains turned off.
 - e. Maintain social distancing when using the restroom, including waiting for your turn for a stall or sink.
 - f. If meeting indoors, adult advisors should prop open the hallway doors in advance to reduce the number of people touching the doors.
 - g. If participants use the building, adult advisors should make sure that high touch surfaces are wiped down (such as door handles, bathroom fixtures, light switches, backs of chairs, tables, etc).
7. Handouts
 - a. Advisors should wash or sanitize their hands before handing out papers or other items. If hands accidentally touch, hands should be cleansed before handing an item to the next person.
 - b. Pens, pencils, crayons, paper, etc should *NOT* be shared by participants. Each participant should have their own.
8. Parking
 - a. For outdoor meetings, please park in the distant parking spaces (near the back field or along the trees), rather than the central spaces, so that we can use the main part of the parking lot for a socially distant meeting.
9. Car pooling
 - a. We will *NOT* be organizing car pools during the COVID pandemic.
 - b. We caution that six foot social distancing cannot be maintained within most family vehicles. If amongst themselves, parents/guardians arrange sharing a car ride between household units, we encourage occupants to wear masks in the car and lower windows for increased air flow (when safe to do so).

**Please note that this plan is subject to change as more information becomes available and changes are happening with respect to the COVID-19 Pandemic.