

# IN-PERSON MEETING GUIDELINES

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*One of our values at Fellowship Bible Church is people. In this time of uncertainty, we want to ensure the safety and protection of all people, especially when meeting together in group environments. The following guidelines will help you provide an environment that honors everyone in your group meeting.*

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## **No person left behind.**

Before moving forward with in-person meetings, communicate privately with all group members to determine their level of comfort for meeting in-person. Transition to in-person meetings only when the group unanimously agrees that this is the best time and platform for your group.

## **Safety practices.**

Determine and discuss the safety guidelines your group will follow (masks, social distancing, cleaning/sanitizing, etc.).

## **What's for dinner?**

When considering safety, don't forget about food. Discuss what a meal and/or dessert looks like for your group. Some may be comfortable with a home-cooked meal while others prefer prepared and individually packaged meals. If meeting in a location/venue outside your home, be mindful of food guidelines/practices in that particular location (e.g., Fellowship has food guidelines that must be met for meetings at the church).

## **Group size.**

Does your group size meet current gathering guidelines and/or regulations? How many adults? How many kids? Some groups with several kids may choose for the men to meet one week and the women meet the next week, alternating who cares for the kids. If you are a large group of adults, men and women could meet separately or you could rotate meetings with different couples in your group.

## **Consider your venue.**

Inside? Outside? Are you able to maintain social distancing guidelines where/when warranted?

## **Be flexible, have grace.**

We are in times where people are all over the scale when it comes to their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellness. Hold everything loosely and be prepared to change course.

## **Be wise.**

Make wise choices that honor governmental policies and guidelines, the church, God, and one another.

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For more information, check out these resources...

- <https://www.snco.us/hd/>
- <https://www.kdheks.gov/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/>