



First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

Recommendations for Off-site Events During COVID-19 Pandemic

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This document contains recommendations for off-site events during the COVID-19 pandemic. Protocols for using FPC buildings and grounds are covered in separate *FPC Protocols for Building Use* and *FPC Protocols for Grounds Use* documents.

General Recommendations

- All events publicized via FPC communications must follow all state and local regulations. Some of the rules to follow can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency/>
- Please be aware that FPC has many vulnerable individuals in its community. When planning offsite events, please accommodate as possible extra space (8' or 10' distances instead of 6') or remote joining that members of your group may request.
- If your group can meet via Zoom, virtual events are safer than in-person events. Please consider whether a virtual meeting is an option.
- If your group is meeting in person, outdoor events with distancing are safer than indoor events. Please consider meeting outdoors if you are in person.

Events for Youth Age 17 or Under

- For events involving children (apart from their families), all on-site, off-site, or Zoom FPC events must include two or more adults (not from the same family) who have completed CORI forms.

Resources

- If you are meeting indoors, the CDC has guidance here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/personal-social-activities.html>
- Massachusetts gathering rules can be found here: [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency#:~:text=Limits%20on%20gatherings.-Governor's%20COVID%2D19&text=Requires%20that%20all%20gatherings%20\(regardless.to%20cooperate%20with%20contact%20tracing.](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency#:~:text=Limits%20on%20gatherings.-Governor's%20COVID%2D19&text=Requires%20that%20all%20gatherings%20(regardless.to%20cooperate%20with%20contact%20tracing.)