



## Guidance for Community Groups and Watch Parties

We are very excited about meeting together again and Community Groups and/or Watch Parties will be the first step in this direction. However our primary concern during this process is public safety. One infected person can infect many others very quickly.

Let's "love our neighbors" by meeting together safely. When and if you choose to start meeting together we strongly encourage the following guidelines as a way to keep the families in your group safe as well as the people they will come in contact with.

### Gathering together:

Community Church is recommending that groups wishing to gather together will wait until after the Michigan Governor's order allows (June 04, 2020). As group leaders, we are suggesting that if you elect to meet together in community groups or service watch parties consider these recommendations. Online groups are a great option for people who do not feel ready to gather just yet.

- No pressure. Make sure everyone in your group understands that meeting in person is completely optional. Provide the ability for people to "Zoom in" as usual.
- Social Distancing: Work to maintain a six-foot distance from others.
- Face coverings: Recommended. Have a conversation with your group about what they feel comfortable with.
- Gatherings: Limited to 10 or less individuals with social distancing.
- Activities Permitted in groups with social distancing.
- Quarantine/Isolation: Individuals who have confirmed or suspected COVID-19 must isolate, and any individual with a known exposure must quarantine, according to CDC and public health guidance.
- At-risk populations: All at-risk individuals should continue to stay home and stay safe. Members of households with at-risk residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not possible, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from at-risk residents.
- Groups with children should consider meeting online.
- Take advantage of good weather and meet outside. Consider a backyard BBQ or gathering at a park.
- Use your gathering time to make an impact in your community.
  - Cleaning up Parks
  - Helping vulnerable people with yard work
  - Donate Blood together
  - Dream Big, Act Big.
- Hosts should ensure that the gathering space is sanitized before and after the gathering. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>