



VALLEY COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

Gathering Guidelines for Valley Outdoor Events

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Ministry Events (led by Valley staff or approved volunteer leaders)

Outdoor gatherings ("organized gatherings" per the state definition) can be up to 150 people, assuming there is room to follow physical distancing guidelines.

Physical distancing requirement is for parties/households to keep six feet of distance from each other at all times. For picnic-style set-ups, this may require prepared spaces to be MORE than six feet apart.

If the six-foot rule cannot be maintained for any reason, then masks will be required. As always, the respiratory/health exemption applies, in which case we will ask the person who can't wear a mask to keep proper social distancing.

If we're encouraging people to "sing boldly" or cheer, participants should wear masks at those times.

We encourage everyone to bring a mask to use during transit times to and from a location.

These will be "no-contact" events (no hugs, handshakes, high-fives). While we cannot enforce this rule, it WILL be required of staff and volunteers leading the event, to demonstrate the behavior we expect.

Staff and volunteers who are facilitating attendees to and from a spot, or who will be expected to answer multiple questions from multiple parties, need to wear a mask during those times.

Small Group Events in parks, backyards, and homes

Ensure that the group maintains social distancing staying at least six feet from other parties.

When the six-foot rule cannot be maintained, all group members should wear masks.

Have hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes available for your group members to use.

To the best of your ability, ensure you don't have any symptoms, diagnoses, or recent COVID-19 exposure before you meet with the group.

If you're hosting a gathering in your home, have clear plans in place for keeping common areas (such as bathrooms or places with food) sanitized. Serve food in a manner that the risk of sharing germs is minimized. For example, consider serving individually wrapped items instead of serving buffet-style.