



Brentwood Baptist Student Ministry

On-Campus Small Group Guidelines and Responsibilities

Despite the restrictions and challenges in this season, the mission of Brentwood Baptist Church and this campus remains the same:

To engage the whole person with the whole gospel of Jesus Christ, anywhere, anytime, and with anybody.

As small groups return to meeting on campus, we want students to GROW in their faith, be CARED for by others, and to be EQUIPPED to be disciples who multiply disciples.

Below are health and safety best practices for **on-campus small group gatherings**, which comply with the current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Tennessee Department of Health and have been approved by the leadership of Brentwood Baptist Church. We will continue to monitor and adjust these protocols as necessary as we seek guidance from church leadership.

Each leader/volunteer and student who attend an on-campus group are expected to follow these health and safety guidelines. By leading and/or attending an on-campus small group gathering, every leader and student guest voluntarily assume all risks including exposure to COVID-19.

Volunteer Leader Screening Upon Arrival

All volunteer leaders will be screened prior to leading a group with a temperature check and screening questions. If the answer is “yes” to any one of them, then the right thing to do is remain at home:

1. Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
2. Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath or sore throat?
3. Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
4. Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
5. Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?

Students Self-Screen Prior to Arrival

Volunteer leaders are responsible to ensure all guests self-screen prior to arrival. Below are the CDC- approved self-screening questions. The same questions will be asked as stated above under the Volunteer Leader Screening. If a student can answer “yes” to any question, then they should remain at home.

Physical Distancing in Group Rooms

Chairs in group rooms will be set up to promote physical distancing with six feet between chairs. We will also limit room occupancy capacity to 50% for each room.

50% of classroom occupancy based on “rule of thumb” square feet/per person for youth education space (12 ft/per person is recommended per Lifeway Christian Resources).

Example: if a room is 240 sq. ft, 100% occupancy in the room is 20 people. 50% of 20 people would be 10 total people.

There may be occasions where the 50% occupancy total violates 6ft. social distancing requirement in the room. In those cases, social distancing requirements trump the 50% occupancy limit.

Face Coverings / Masks in Group Rooms

Every participant is expected and required to wear an appropriate face covering, mask, or face shield while participating in a student small group.

Avoid Sharing Food

It is best that people bring their own food/drinks/snacks rather than setting out items for people to share (people sharing utensils and congregating around food areas pose a greater risk of infection).

Notification Procedures

If/when a volunteer adult is notified that a person at one of these gatherings has contracted COVID-19, they must immediately notify the student ministry office at Brentwood Baptist Church. The student ministry office will then notify those who attended that gathering and give suggestions for next steps (self-quarantine, get tested).

Other Health and Safety Practices

- Hand sanitizing stations are provided.
- Rooms, areas, and surfaces are cleaned by our facilities after use.
- Each group will be provided with own whiteboard supplies, e.g. markers, erasers to avoid sharing.
- Each campus may choose (*but is not required*) to utilize an RSVP system for students if they are concerned with space and/or leadership ratios.

Source for Determining Protocols

Directives from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Directives from the Governor Appointed Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Brentwood Baptist Church Next Gen Reentry Protocols – already approved by Trustees

Brentwood Baptist Church Steps and Protocols related to Reentry of Adult Groups on Campus