

Bethel's Covid-19 Gathering Guidelines

The COVID Advisory Taskforce (CAT) assembled guidelines for hosting events for Bethel Lutheran Church. These guidelines apply to all Bethel events, on or off campus. Our aim is to protect the health of all members of our community, including members, extended families and guests.

We closely follow all city, state, and federal guidance and adapt our guidelines to the specific needs of the Bethel community. To maintain consistency, we have a shared set of expectations for all groups, including Sunday morning worship services.

Currently, we expect all individuals to remain masked and distanced, regardless of vaccination status. Individuals from the same household do not require distancing. Household groups should maintain 6 feet of distancing from each other.

If your event will utilize our classrooms, the sanctuary or fellowship hall on a Friday or Saturday, we ask that you clean the space with a disinfectant prior to leaving Bethel, this ensures that our church is prepared for worship on Sunday mornings. No eating and drinking is permitted inside with the exception of communion practices during worship.

When possible, windows should be open to improve ventilation.

For outdoor events, we are asking everyone to mask and remain distanced in keeping with current county guidance for individuals to remain masked when outdoors in large public gatherings. Masks may be removed when eating and drinking during outdoor activities.

Any individuals experiencing symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 infection should not come to the campus. These symptoms include fevers, chills, cough new or worsening shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Also, you should not attend if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID in the past 10 days.

As a reminder, to reserve space, please contact the Chair of the Board of Properties and Maintenance, currently Nathan Schroeder at nathan@bethelstl.org.

Any clarifications or requested exceptions to this guidance should be discussed with the Coronavirus Advisory Team. Please contact Matt Kuhlmann, Task Force Leader, at fmkuhlmann@msn.com.