

Small Group Meeting Guidelines
Davidson United Methodist Church
June 5, 2020

The following guidelines have been enacted for the safety and health of participants at DUMC and will continue to follow rulings of North Carolina state, local government, and recommendations set forth by the Western North Carolina Conference (WNCC) office.

1. The Congregational Care House and specific classrooms in the Alexander Education Building on campus are the only indoor spaces available for meetings.
2. No meeting is to exceed ten (10) adult-aged participants.
3. All participants will adhere to the 6' distancing guideline.
4. All participants are strongly encouraged to wear masks.
5. All those attending the meeting will provide the group leader with the following contact information: name, street address, phone number, and email address.
6. Due to size constraints, groups over 10 can also provide a virtual meeting option. Staff will advise and work with your group to help make this happen.
7. At this time, only groups of ten or less, within the ministries of DUMC, can schedule meetings.
8. Basic meeting guidelines:
 - a. Meetings are permitted, Sunday-Thursday, start/end times will be staggered for reduced traffic congestion.
 - b. Meeting time can be scheduled between 9:00 a.m. – noon. Start times will be staggered if multiple groups are using the Alexander Education Building on a given day.
 - c. A staff liaison will unlock and lock the Congregational Care House and Alexander Education Building according to the meeting times – no keys will be issued.
 - d. No food or drink is allowed into the meeting space.
 - e. No children are to be present during the meeting, nor will childcare be made available.
 - f. Group leaders securing use of rooms/meeting space will be asked to sign an agreement stating their meeting participants will adhere to the above stated guidelines and that the meeting participants have read and agreed to the waiver in item 13.
9. **Please stay home . . .** If you, or anyone you have been in close proximity to, has tested positive for or been assessed by a health care provider as having COVID-19, or is awaiting test results for COVID-19.
10. **Please stay home . . .** If you, or anyone you have been in close proximity to, are experiencing any of these symptoms, currently or during the past 14 days:
 - a. fever (100.4 or greater)
 - b. shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - c. cough or sore throat
 - d. loss of taste or smell
 - e. nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting
 - f. head or muscle ache
 - g. chills
11. These guidelines will be reviewed and accessed regularly, updates will be communicated, as any changes are made.

12. Groups are to reserve the space through the Room Reservations form located on the church website (<https://www.davidsonumc.org/resources/room-vehicle-request-form/>) and are subject to approval.

**13. Small Group leaders are responsible for communicating the following
to all persons attending small groups on the church campus**

Davidson United Methodist Church (DUMC) cannot prevent you [or your child(ren)] from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while utilizing DUMC's premises. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to attend classes, meetings, or services on DUMC's premises you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. By using DUMC's facilities, you are not holding the church liable. By using the DUMC facilities, you agree to waive your right to bring suit against DUMC and its pastors, leaders, trustees, employees, or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to utilizing DUMC's premises.