

# Guidelines for Non-Liturgical Gatherings at Blessed Sacrament Parish during the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Group leaders are encouraged to utilize virtual meeting options when possible
- People who are sick should not attend in-person gatherings; group leaders are responsible for ensuring attendees understand this requirement (visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for a complete list of COVID-19 symptoms)
- Indoor gatherings are capped at no more than 12 people to allow for proper physical distancing of 6 feet or more (if singing is involved, physical distancing of greater than 6 feet is needed)
- Outdoor gatherings are capped at no more than 50 people to adhere to current state guidelines
- Facemasks, worn properly covering both the nose and mouth, are required when:
  - entering/exiting Parish buildings
  - in transit; walking through, in or around Parish buildings
  - indoors or outdoors where physical distancing of at least 6 feet or more cannot be properly maintained (masks may be removed when seated with proper physical distancing)
- Group leaders are responsible for sanitizing all tables, chairs, and other high-frequency touchpoints like restroom door handles, etc. after gatherings
- If food is served:
  - group leader is responsible for ensuring food is prepared safely; people who are sick should not prepare food for others, and all food preparers should wash hands and wear clean, single-use food-service gloves before handling ready-to-eat food
  - single-use, disposable tableware and cutlery should be used
  - preferred method of food service (contactless) is to have an attendant, wearing a facemask and gloves, serve the food to attendees by placing it on a table or counter for pick up; physical distancing required by attendant and attendees at all times
  - secondary method of food service (buffet) is to REQUIRE all attendees to properly hand-sanitize both when entering AND exiting the buffet line; group leader is responsible for ensuring appropriate hand sanitizer is available and positioned properly AND ensuring attendees follow guidelines; physical distancing required by attendees at all times
- School building not available to outside groups (without approval of principal)

These guidelines are not permanent and are subject to change based on changing circumstances