**The Gatherings’ Stay Healthy Pandemic Protocol**

*As an all-volunteer, small community center, The Gatherings requires any group using our facilities to take responsibility for their own well-being. We request that groups follow these guidelines from the Maine CDC, but cannot ensure that all groups will do so. Thus, each group must decide for itself whether and how to use our shared space.*

**Adapted from Maine CDC Guidelines for Indoor Venues** (per Maine CDC recommendations and pertinent Executive Orders from the Office of the Governor)

Indoor venues bring people from different households into close contact with each other, potentially for a prolonged period, and have the potential to increase COVID-19 transmission. The primary tools to control the spread of COVID-19 are ***physical distancing***, the use of ***face coverings***, increased ***hand washing***, avoid shared items and common touch surfaces, and ***disinfecting*** frequently used surfaces. The goal of this guidance is to do our best to protect The Gatherings users from COVID-19 infection.

**General Guidance for The Gatherings Community –** Physical distancing requirements have been lifted. All guests (over the age of 12) ***who are not vaccinated*** are required to wear a face covering while indoors and outdoors. Indoor occupancy is limited to 50 people. Outdoor gatherings cannot exceed 100.

**Communicating COVID-19 Policies by Gatherings Board and Hosts –** Inform guests of COVID-19 policies and procedures in advance. Signs are posted at entrances and throughout the building (alerting guests to required occupancy limits, physical distancing requirements, face covering policies, and other health and hygiene reminders). It is strongly recommended that groups remind members that if they are ill (e.g. have a fever or cough) they should not visit.

**Operational Considerations**

1. Ensure that volunteers are committed to accomplish enhanced cleaning and disinfection measures, including sanitizing tables, counters, and other high-contact areas and surfaces they use before departing. Adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, disinfecting spray) are available to support increased cleaning and disinfection.
2. Minimize traffic in stairways, entrances, and other spaces that do not allow for appropriate physical distancing.
3. For contact tracing purposes, please maintain a record of attendance at every meeting, including contact information, for each of your guests.

I have read and understand the above CDC Covid-19 guidelines pertaining to use of The Gatherings.

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