

Guidelines for TUMC Outdoor Gatherings

People are at very different levels of comfort and risk regarding meeting together. These guidelines are written to help in planning a TUMC-related event. We have consulted broadly, including with Toronto Public Health COVID-19 measures to help us design and run safe events.

We need to continue to be patient with ourselves and with each other as we live faithfully through these challenging times.

Read through the list. Some of these points may not apply to your outdoor gatherings, but you should consider them in your planning.

Before

- Pre-registration - organizers collect name, address, contact information of participants (see form from TUMC office)
- Organize an option for people who would prefer to connect remotely, where that is possible.
- Ask participants to bring their own masks.
- Provide handwashing/sanitizing supplies and extra masks at the event (TUMC can provide these)
- Consider safe bathroom access and communicate to participants, especially if a bathroom will not be available or accessible.
- Pre-screening - send the list of questions attached to participants for them to review. Including parents or others in the participant's bubble. (See form from Toronto Public Health)

During

- Build in time and space for people to arrive gradually, get screened and leave separately. The person doing the screening should wear a mask and sanitize their hands often.
- As people arrive, they should be screened using the checklist from Toronto Public Health and have their participation recorded. This information will be filed with the TUMC office once the event is over.
- Review safety measures with all the participants: keeping distance, wearing a mask, not touching face, frequent hand washing, and respiratory etiquette (coughing or sneezing into their elbow)
- Avoid any physical contact with others from different households.
- Model appropriate behaviour - set the standard to help others feel comfortable with safety measures.
- Have hand sanitizer and extra masks available and accessible at all times.

- ❑ Establish physical distancing - use as much space as possible, minimum of 2 meters between people who aren't part of the same 'circle'. You can use blankets, chairs, markings on the ground, etc.
- ❑ If physical distancing is difficult to maintain, if it is necessary to get closer for short periods or to go inside, ask participants to wear masks covering mouth and nose.
- ❑ Sharing food is strongly discouraged. If food is part of the event people should bring their own food and refrain from sharing either food or utensils, pitchers, etc.
- ❑ Only share objects that can be sanitized.
- ❑ Singing should only be done wearing masks AND at a distance of no less than 2 metres from others. It is recommended that singers face the same direction, downwind and with no one in front of them.

After

- ❑ Designated meeting organizers will sanitize any furniture or items that were used.
- ❑ Meeting organizers will pass on the list of participants and their contact information to Mike (secretary@tumc.ca) for filing.