Covid Safe Small Groups

As of the 13th June the government has lifted restrictions further in regard to the number of people being able to gather. We are now allowed to have 20 people in our homes and as a result Small Groups, Home Groups and Home Churches are allowed to kick off again. However, there are guidelines we must follow to reduce the risk and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The following cautions and guidelines will need to be exercised in relation to small groups:

• For the purpose of contact tracing in the event of a confirmed case of the virus, contact information for each attendee must be collected and forwarded to the Coast Community Church office to be kept on record for 56 days

The following information needs to be recorded each time the group meets

- Date, time and location of meeting/gathering
- Full name
- Contact number
- Email address or Physical address

As this will be an ongoing requirement for the duration of the COVID pandemic we are working on implementing a digital system of collecting contact information.

More information will be sent out once the system is up and running.

- Encourage people not to attend if they are feeling unwell.
- Encourage people not to attend if they are in a high-risk category (e.g. over the age of 70 or with a pre-existing medical condition)
- Encourage good hygiene and reduce the chance of infection by providing access to hand-washing and/or hand sanitiser.
- Minimise the need to open doors and touch surfaces.
- If serving food and drinks (in gatherings up to 20 people), allocate one person to serve food and drinks with appropriate precautions (e.g. gloves and tongs).
- Encourage people to bring their own water bottle.
- Set up the room to allow 1.5 metres between people. (if meeting onsite at one of our campuses)
- Clean frequently touched areas and surfaces before and after the gathering.

If you have any questions or concern, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For more information on current restrictions, recommendations and guidelines please visit:

https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

https://www.health.gov.au

Kind Regards,

Ministry Leadership Team

