



Parish Facility and Property Use

As ministries are reconnecting and re-launching programs within our parishes, questions have arisen as to the accessibility and use of parish facilities and meeting spaces. Provided are guidelines to assist our parishes in this area:

For any in-person meetings, regardless of the situation, the parish must adhere to the following guidelines at all times for all events:

- Comply with all local health and meeting capacity guidelines for both indoor and outdoor meetings.
- Ensure proper social distancing, wearing of masks and hand sanitizing at all times.
- Ensure that all facilities and materials used during meetings or gatherings are properly cleansed both before and following each use.

The following guidelines are intended to provide event-specific guidelines:

- ❖ **Meetings** When approved, parish ministries may meet and utilize parish facilities for the conduct of their respective missions upon receiving appropriate approvals.
- ❖ **Approval to Meet** The final decision to open for an in-person meeting should be agreed upon by the respective Proistamenos, the parish's Re-opening Team, its Health Officer, and the Parish Council. Ministries, or groups, may not conduct "in-person" gatherings or meetings until they have received the blessing of the Proistamenos on behalf of the above parties.
- ❖ **Modified Greek Festivals** These events, typically reduced to pre-ordered drive-through food festivals, are approved.
- ❖ **Sunday School** Special care must be taken when considering the re-opening of live instruction for Sunday Schools, both for the students, but also for their teachers, staff and respective family members.
- ❖ **Coffee Hour/Food** "To-go" pre-packaged single-serving food items and lidded beverages (not self-served from common container or machine) may be provided. Social distancing guidelines must be observed; seating is not recommended.

Outside Rentals Situationally approved, but not generally recommended. Renting to outside organizations will require significant consideration, as the outside organization must be able to agree, and demonstrate, it will abide by all local health guidelines in the conduct of their event. In addition, the parish needs to consider potential perceptions or reactions within the local community when staging events or approving rentals.