

UCM Covid-19 Safety Plan

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Introduction:

As we move into a new academic year with many unknowns, it is imperative that we continue to seek God's heart and guidance on how best to love our neighbours well during the ongoing pandemic. In order to limit the spread of Covid-19, UCM at UBC is committed to diligently and faithfully following the protocols and recommendations set by the Provincial Health Officer.

Purpose & Scope:

It is important to implement strategies as a community to reduce the risk of viral transmission of Covid-19. This policy applies to all staff, student leaders, volunteers, and community members of UCM at UBC. The recommendations and strategies in this document are based on the guidelines set by Dr. Bonnie Henry and the B.C. government.

Elements of Routine Practice:

These steps are to be seen as foundational strategies to be used consistently and appropriately by all staff, student leaders, volunteers, and community members, and guests of UCM at UBC:

1. Hand Hygiene: appropriate hand-washing with soap and running water and/or using an alcohol-based rub (at least 70% concentration).
2. Respiratory etiquette through use of personal protective equipment (face masks and/or face shields).
3. Individual risk assessment by volunteers, staff, student leaders, and community members.
4. Physical distancing at all times of at least 2 metres apart.
5. At this time, all event organizers are ordered to limit all public gatherings larger than 50 people.
6. Risk reduction through general cleaning practices such as cleaning of the environment, enhanced cleaning of high touch surfaces and disinfection of any equipment used by community members.
7. Education of community members (staff, student leaders, volunteers, guests) about infection prevention and control.

Cores:

As UCM, we will continue having cores in order to cultivate community and to dig deep into the Word of God. With that, we ask that you adhere to the following recommendations:

- For those who are more comfortable with meeting online, we encourage you to do so via an online platform such as Zoom, Google Hangouts, Discord, or Skype.
- If you choose to meet in-person, we recommend strictly following the protocol of physical distancing, hand hygiene and refraining from physical touch including hugs and handshakes. As a Core Leader, it is highly recommended that you find a meeting space (whether indoor or outdoor) that is large enough to adequately practice physical distancing.
- If you are meeting inside, we highly recommend the use of face-masks.
- If you are sick, or if you're living with people who are immuno-compromised, then we highly recommend that you stay home.
- For more information and ideas on how to safely run an in-person core, please refer to the Core Leaders' section of the Summit Manual.

Discipleship Meetings:

The UCM Staff will continue to meet with student leaders for mentorship/discipleship. Student leaders are also encouraged to develop discipling relationship with younger students and/or potential leaders. Intentional discipleship meetings can be done online or in-person given that both parties strictly follow physical distancing protocols. Feel free to meet in person if you are able to properly keep 2 metres apart. Otherwise, meeting online is highly recommended.

Thursday Nights:

In order to comply with the Provincial Health Officer's limitation of no more than 50 persons allowed for large group gatherings, our Thursday Nights will move online until further notice.

Gerard House:

As the Gerard House is the primary residence for seven students, we are closing the G-House to the general public and the larger UCM community for the time being . If you need something from the G-House, please get in contact with one of the residents.

We will be opening the backyard for an outdoor space where we can continue to build community in a safe-manner. In order to keep things as safe as possible, there can be no more than 40 guests (non G-House residents) in the backyard at a time. Physical distancing of at least 2 metres apart must be practiced. We will also have a hand-sanitizing station, and as well as a sign-up station for contact tracing.

We will be using the G-House on Thursdays for filming the live portion of our Thursday UCM Online. The living room will be booked from 5-8PM, where a UCM Staff or UCM Student Leader will be present to disinfect door handles, and other high-touch surfaces at the start and end of

each booking. The front bathroom will also be disinfected. Residents of the G-House are not permitted in the living room and front bathroom at this time. In order to properly practice physical distancing, we can have a maximum of four persons in the G-House living room for the live recording.

Micro Events:

In order to facilitate community and welcome new students into fellowship, we will be planning micro-events throughout the academic year. All micro-events will have an online RSVP where students can sign-up in order to ensure that we meet the recommendation of limiting large-group gatherings of over 50 set by the B.C. Provincial Health Officer. In the case that an online RSVP is not available, names and phone numbers of attendees must be taken by the organizer (a staff or a student leader) for contact tracing. In all events, extra face masks and hand sanitizers will be available.

Please Note:

These policies may be subject to change at any point as the regulations around Covid-19 are always evolving.