

Conditions for Outdoor Meetings for Worship at Meeting House

Outdoor Meetings for Worship will be held on Sundays, at our usual 10:30 am to 11:30 am time under the following conditions:

1) All attendees should please register their intent to attend by phone or e-mail, with registrations to be received by 9 pm on the Saturday evening before the outdoor Meeting for Worship. Wilf has volunteered to be the initial Registrar, and can be reached at (905) 648-1296 or deerspring1@gmail.com

(Our backyard has a capacity of about 25-30 individuals and attendance will be capped, with registrations being handled on a first come first served basis.)

2) When registering, attendees are required to affirm that they will abide by all of these conditions on the attached Registration Form/Waiver.

3) Meetings for Worship will take place outdoors in the backyard of Meeting House. This is to reduce risk of virus transmission.

4) You should not be attending if you have been feeling unwell overall, or if you have any of the following symptoms:

- new or worsening bouts of coughing or sneezing
- runny nose, sniffles, congestion
- fever
- new or worsening loss/impairment of sense of taste or smell

Attendees who develop any such symptoms while attending Meeting for Worship should please leave immediately.

5) You should also not be attending if you have recently returned from travel outside Canada (or if you have someone in your household bubble who has travelled) or if you have had close contact with someone diagnosed with Covid-19. In such cases you should not attend until your 2-week quarantine period has been completed.

6) Everyone attending should please bring a mask, and wear it until they are seated and settled. People are free to unmask thereafter, though you are invited to wear your mask to practice for future indoor Meetings. If you are someone with a tendency toward bouts of coughing or sneezing and you feel a bout coming on then mask up, and please also have a handkerchief to use as back up to the mask during a bout. We'll all please mask up again when departing. Remember - *“your mask protects me, and my mask protects you”*. (Looking forward, masks will be required for inside Meetings - so this is a chance for us to practice wearing them.)

7) There will be a minimum seating spacing of 3 meters to those outside of your household bubble, but those from the same household bubble can be seated together.

8) You are asked to bring your own chair, mat or cushion for seating. (That having been said, we'll have the Meeting House's front porch benches set up in the backyard for those who forget or for whom bringing a chair would be challenging). Please enter the backyard via the driveway.

9) Please: There is to be no physical contact (eg. shaking hands, hugging, etc) with those outside your household bubble. The 3 meter minimum separation distance should be maintained at all times.

10) There will be no communal refreshments served. People are free to bring their own drinks in their own containers.

11) The use of a washroom is at your own risk and only in urgent cases please. You should wear your mask during any washroom trip. Entry to the Meeting House will be through the back door, exit through the front door. No visiting while inside, please. Please close toilet lid before flushing! A volunteer “concierge” will clean up after each use of the bathroom, by wiping down surfaces, handles and switches.

12) Families with children need to ensure that their children fully abide by these conditions if they bring them. There will be no **indoor First Day School at present, **but outside activities and hikes are possible - contact Don Woodside for details.****

13a) First-time registration will include explicit affirmation of your acknowledgement that you are participating in Meeting for Worship at your own risk, in full knowledge of the risks. A form to this effect has been developed and is attached below, and all first-time attendees (and any others who did not yet provide their signed form) are required to sign the form as a condition of attending.

13b) For those who are able it is preferred that you print, fill out and sign the Registration/Waiver Form beforehand, and bring the filled out and signed Form with you. Blank copies will be available for signing for those who forget or can't print them at home.

14) A list of those registering/attending each outside Meeting for Worship will be kept by the Registrar as required by the authorities for contact tracing purposes. It will be destroyed/deleted one month after the Meeting for Worship has been held.

15) We will not hold a Meeting for Worship on days when it is raining. Wilf as Registrar would check conditions and the forecast in the morning and let people know by e-mail by Sunday 9 am if we are proceeding. On days with a low chance of showers in the forecast we may proceed, and it will be up to attendees to decide about their personal rain tolerance in the event of shower activity. We would not be going inside the Meeting House for shelter in the event of shower activity - people would mask up and return to their cars, to either wait it out or head home.

Registration/Waiver Form for Those Attending

Outdoor Meetings for Worship (MfW) at the Meeting House

Thank you for considering attending Meeting for Worship (hereafter referred to as MfW). Please read this form carefully. The form will need to please be completed and signed and given to the Registrar if you wish to attend outdoor MfW at the Meeting House.

Full Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Affirmation:

I affirm the following:

In consideration for receiving permission to participate in outdoor Meeting for Worship (hereinafter referred to as MfW), I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue Hamilton Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends and its officers, members or trustees (hereinafter referred to as releasees) for any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any illness or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees, or otherwise, while participating in MfW, or while in, on, or upon the premises where the MfW is being conducted.

I further affirm that I have read and will abide by the 15 point Conditions List that was circulated with the invitation to attend outdoor Meeting for Worship.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

