

Conditions for Indoor Meetings for Worship at Meeting House

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

1) There is no longer a requirement to register before joining us for each indoor Meeting for Worship. But if you have any questions or concerns, Wilf Ruland is the current Registrar, and can be reached at (905) 648-1296 or deerspring1@gmail.com

2) When attending an indoor meeting for the first time (since onset of the pandemic), attendees are required to affirm that they have read and will abide by all of the conditions on the attached indoor Registration Form/Waiver.

3) Our Meeting Room has a current capacity of 25 - 30 which should be adequate for a regular Sunday's Meeting for Worship. We are not yet able to host larger events.

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 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.

You should also not be attending if you have had uncomfortably close/long contact with any person(s) outside of your household bubble within the past 2 weeks.

6) Everyone attending should please use the Level 3 masks which we are providing, and wear yours throughout the time you are indoors. If you have a condition which would prevent you from wearing a mask, then please let the Registrar know when you are registering. Please remember - *“your mask protects me, and my mask protects you”*.

We urge you to use the provided Level 3 medical masks (also known as procedural masks), as these provide significant protection against aerosols to the wearer. (They are used for example by dental hygienists during droplet- and aerosol-generating procedures). The masks can be re-used by the same person.

7) The minimum seat spacing to those outside of your household bubble is 2 meters, but those from the same household bubble can be seated together.

8) Please: There is to be no physical contact (eg. shaking hands, hugging, etc) with those outside your household bubble. The 2 meter minimum separation distance should be maintained from the time you enter the Meeting House until you are back outside.

9) Any conversation/visiting with others should please take place outside the Meeting House before or after Meeting for Worship.

10) Communal refreshments will not be served at this time. 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. Please close toilet lid before flushing!

12) Families with children need to ensure that their children fully abide by these conditions if they bring them. First Day School will resume in autumn 2021 - possibly indoors.

13a) First-time attendance/registration will include explicit affirmation of your acknowledgement that you are participating in indoor 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 are required to sign the form as a condition of attending.

13b) This Registration/Waiver Form for indoor meetings is distinct from the one for outdoor meetings, and you will need to fill out and sign the form for indoor meetings even if you have already signed one for outdoor meetings. But the form only needs to be filled out once.

13c) 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 indoor Meeting for Worship will be kept by the Registrar as required by the authorities for contact tracing purposes. It will be destroyed/deleted when no longer needed.

15a) There may be outdoor Meeting for Worship happening at the same time as indoor Meeting for Worship. Those who are meeting outdoors should not be coming inside, except for urgent washroom visits.

15b) On days when both indoor and outdoor Meetings are being held, Afterword and Announcements for each group shall take place at their respective meeting place.

15c) On days when only indoor Meeting for Worship is being held, Announcements and Afterword will be inside.

16) Windows in the Meeting Room will be kept open during indoor Meeting for Worship. Those who are not fully vaccinated are encouraged to sit in the back row benches and/or closer to the open windows - if they let the Registrar (Wilf) know beforehand, then seating can be reserved.

17) The question of whether one should attend indoor, outdoor, Zoom or technology-free Meeting for Worship is an intensely personal one, and we need to please all be gentle with ourselves and others regarding this question.

There should be no expectations either way about whether any individual member or attender participates in any form of Meeting for Worship, and certainly no judgements. We are all doing our best in a very challenging time.

Registration/Waiver Form for Those Attending

Indoor 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 indoor 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 indoor 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 17-point Conditions List that was circulated with the invitation to attend indoor Meeting for Worship.

Date: _____

Signature: _____