

McAllen First United Methodist Church

Building Use Protocols

COVID-19 Use & Restrictions

The McAllen First United Methodist Church wants to open facilities for use by both in-church and community organizations. In order for us to allow use by multiple groups and maintain a safe and secure environment, we must follow the established 'best practices' provided by national, state, and local authorities.¹ Therefore, all groups using indoor space during the COVID-19 pandemic must abide by and practice the following and protocols:

1) **Participants:** Anyone admitted to the gathering must be free of COVID symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19

2) **Masks:** A proper mask must be work correctly at all times. If the setting/event calls for a speaker/leader, he or she may remove his/her mask for the purpose of addressing the group as along as adequate distancing is practiced—10 feet or more from the nearest person.

3) **Sanitizer:** All participants should clean their hands with the provided sanitizer as they are entering the gathering space.

4) **Social Distancing:** Participants must practice social distancing – six (6) feet of separation between all people who are not of the same household. Only 50% of available space to be used.

5) **Clean-Up:** Following the event, someone assigned by the group must clean hard surfaces with the cleaning supplies provided so that others may safely use the area after the group is gone. "Hard surfaces" include but may not be limited to the following:

Door handles, tabletops, light switches, etc.

McAllen First UMC will provide disinfectant spray and paper towels for this process.

Again, we at McAllen First United Methodist Church rejoice that we can provide space for your group to meet. Let us all work together to make sure that we are safe for one another, that we can provide safe spaces for all to gather, learn, and fellowship. Thank you.

¹ Go here for the most recent county order: <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/coronavirusupdates>