

RETURNING TO IN-PERSON MINISTRY ACTIVITIES A BEST PRACTICES GUIDE

SUMMARY

This guide outlines best practices for Returning to In-Person Ministry Activities for International Students, Inc. (ISI). It is based on recommendations by various regulatory agencies, including the recently published [CDC Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith](#). As most states continue to relax Covid19 restrictions, it is important for every ISI team member to do their part in ensuring the best possible protocols for keeping students, volunteers, and staff safe.

IN-PERSON EVENTS

We are excited to announce that you may now resume in-person gatherings and events with students, volunteers, and staff. This is subject to restrictions in your local city or state which may dictate a limit on the number of people in the gathering (i.e. 50 or less, with social distancing in place). It is important to note that no-one should be required to attend if they are not yet comfortable with doing so (including ISI personnel).

PROMOTE HEALTHY PRACTICES

As noted by the [CDC Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith](#), the following healthy practices should be promoted and encouraged as you are able:

- Use face masks during in-person meetings
- Observe social distancing to lessen risk for attendees
- Clean and disinfect often (including your home)
- Encourage frequent hand washing and/or provide hand sanitizer
- Train your team on the healthy practices everyone is expected to follow

MONITOR FOR SYMPTOMS

All ISI team members who are sick or have had recent close contact with a person with Covid19 and/or other contagious diseases should stay home and should refrain from in-person gatherings until cleared by a licensed physician. Ask potential attendees to do the same. Notify local health officials if a person diagnosed with Covid19 and/or other contagious diseases attends an event and notify your ISI supervisor and/or Regional Field Director immediately.

POST SIGNS AND MESSAGES

We encourage the posting of signs in highly visible locations at ISI events and in meeting invitations via social media, email, and websites. You may use this sample [SIGN](#) from the CDC. For more samples visit the [CDC Print Resources Page](#).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **When can we start in-person gathering and events?**
Check with your local city and/or state health departments. In most cases, you can resume small in-person gatherings and events immediately.
- **Are students or volunteers required to sign anything?**
No, but we encourage the posting of signs as mentioned above to ensure they know there is a risk to them when attending events.