

LIFE CHURCH

BATH

MEETING IN THE FORUM

10 DECEMBER 2021 ONWARDS

(MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASKS REINTRODUCED)



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Introduction

We recognise that this continues to be a very vulnerable time for many in our church family and local community. In some respects, it was easier when rules were more definitive.

We ask you to recall the exhortation in Ephesians 4 to *“be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”*

Going Forward

As we go forward, our heart is to give everyone choice whilst encouraging us all to show care and love to everyone in the Life Church Bath family and our community. As such we will:

Online

- Continue to Live Stream the meeting, currently via YouTube, allowing people choice to attend in person or to connect online as they feel comfortable

Hygiene

- Continue to request that people who have any signs or symptoms of coronavirus do not attend The Forum
- Continue to request that everyone who has been asked to self-isolate does not attend The Forum
- Require everyone (unless exempt) over the age of 11 to wear a face covering when in The Forum building
- Continue to ask people to wash hands with soap and water (or use hand sanitiser) on arrival at The Forum
- Continue to ask that everyone to follow the ‘Catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach to coughs and sneezes
- Encourage people to take a lateral flow test before coming into The Forum

Distancing between different households

- Continue to provide one block where seating is in alternate rows to create some distance between households for those who want it
- Encourage a minimum of 2 seats between households in a row, but allowing households to choose to have a larger gap, or to sit next to another household if they so wish
- Encourage those who are comfortable with close contact to be aware that others may not be comfortable with this

Face Coverings

- Require everyone (unless exempt) over the age of 11 to wear a face covering when in The Forum building

Singing

- Permit singing, with or without a face covering, but request people to put face coverings back on when in a song has finished

Shared Use of Items

- Continue to use individual communion pots handed out rather than a communal goblet
- Continue to not pass the offering buckets around
- Serve tea and coffee in the auditorium, and not allow self-service, at the end of the meeting

- Continue to send out a weekly e-shot with latest news and information and not hand out paper copies

The Forum Building

- Create a zone in the auditorium for those who wish a greater level of social distancing and who do not want to sit near people who remove their face covering when singing
- Keep the Lower Foyer free from the serving of teas and coffees or furniture to keep the Foyers free from congestion and to facilitate the level of social distancing that individuals feel comfortable with
- Continue to clean touch points, leaving doors open wherever possible
- Continue to keep the air filtration system on in the auditorium, Lower Foyer and use the portable air purifiers in other rooms that are being used
- Continue to close the main doors at 10.45am

Reviewing and communicating changes

- Review these guidelines weekly as new information and guidance emerges, and as we assess how these things are working for us in our building
- Continue to communicate to the church family by email, and to the church family and our guests by the website and verbal notices the measures we have put in place and changes that occur along the way.

Conclusion

As we move forward, we appeal to everyone to be kind to each other, to speak and act with love and consideration for others and to appreciate the pressure leaders and staff are under.

Thank you.