Palmyra Church of the Brethren Small Group Gathering Guidelines

The World Health Organization has declared the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. Therefore, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies have recommended social distancing.

The Palmyra Church of the Brethren (“PCOB”) has put into place preventative and precautionary measures to do its part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, PCOB cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19 while present at PCOB facilities or functions. In addition, yours or your child(ren)’s presence at PCOB facilities or functions may increase yours and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

Any event that is part of the ministry of the Palmyra Church of the Brethren must:

- Occur only when Lebanon County is in the Green Phase as determined by the office of the Governor of Pennsylvania.
- Meet outdoors if possible.
- Be limited to one hour.
- Keep a record of in-person attendance to notify attendees if there is a confirmed COVID-19 exposure.
- Follow all current CDC* and Pennsylvania Department of Health** guidelines. These guidelines include but are not limited to:
  - All participants must wear masks unless unable due to health or age restrictions.
  - Persons (or family units) must maintain a six-foot distance from others.
  - Hands must be sanitized upon entry to the venue.
  - Refreshments must not be served.
- The venue must be disinfected prior to and after the event following current CDC* and Pennsylvania Department of Health** guidelines. These guidelines include but are not limited to:
  - All high touch surfaces such as door knobs, light switches, countertops, handles, toilets, and faucets must be cleaned with disinfectant.

*Current CDC Guidelines may be found here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/index.html

**Current PA Department of Health Guidelines may be found here: https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Stop-the-Spread.aspx