



# Best Practices: Hillside Huddles

## **HILLSIDE GROUPS IN HOMES**

**This is for groups meeting in homes for Hillside Huddles, Growth Groups, Student Ministry, Affinity Groups or other such Hillside Groups.**

If a group meets in a home:

- The number of participants in the group must follow the current NB guidelines.
  - Hosts are to keep track of who attends the gathering in their home (name and contact information) and this record must be kept for at least 3 weeks and then securely destroyed.
  - Hosts will be contacted by Hillside if groups exceed the allowed number.

## **Best Practices for Hillside Groups in Homes:**

- Practice frequent handwashing.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Each person attending is to self-screen before attending. They should stay home if they have any of the COVID symptoms or are sick.
  - A list of symptoms can be found at:  
[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory\\_diseases/coronavirus.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus.html)
- Potlucks and buffet-style food is strongly discouraged.
- If you are comfortable serving food in your home, avoid shared dishes and serve individually sized food or pre-packaged food.
- Do not pressure people to participate in the group in your home if they don't feel safe or comfortable doing so.
- Do not share books, Bibles, or objects.
- Participants may choose to wear a mask and should be respected if they do so.
- Children/youth are welcome to attend the group as well but must follow the same rules and count in the headcount of attendees.
- If you are concerned about risk, aim to keep your group to the same people week-to-week as much as possible.
- Groups are encouraged to consider meeting outdoors to decrease risks.
- If anyone is uncomfortable meeting in-person, meeting online is still very much a viable and valuable option.
- Groups larger than the current NB guidelines must meet online or meet outdoors with physical distancing.

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