

# MINISTRY TRAINING CENTER

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## COVID Guidelines for Fall LTO 2021

When it comes to COVID guidelines, we realized that there are many different views on what the right approach is. While we acknowledge that we don't have this all figured out, we do recognize that we live in a densely populated community and have lots of interaction with people. In an effort to demonstrate love to our community and show cooperation with our government leaders, we are asking that you observe the following guidelines while you are here for LTO.

### **Before arriving:**

- We want everyone to be extra careful with their interactions with people in the week prior to coming for LTO. We do not want anyone to bring COVID to the city.
- If you have any cold-like symptoms in the week prior to coming, or if you have been in close contact with anyone who has cold-like symptoms, please contact us before traveling to the city.

### **After arriving:**

- Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used frequently throughout the day.
- Please make sure you get your rest so you can make every effort to stay healthy.

### **Masks:**

- Masks will not be required inside the Center.
- NYC asks us to follow CDC's guidelines for wearing masks. Here is a quote from their website: *"If you are not fully vaccinated and aged 2 or older, you should wear a mask in indoor public places."*
- *In general, you do not need to wear a mask in outdoor settings.*
  - o *In areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated".*
- Most shops in our area do require masks for entry.
- Regardless of vaccination status, masks are required when riding the trains or busses.
- For more information on mask recommendations see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

### **Vaccinations:**

- The MTC is not requiring COVID vaccinations at this time.
- Effective August 17, 2021, NYC started requiring proof of vaccination for many indoor venues including indoor dining, museums, gyms, and places of entertainment like bowling alleys, etc.

- If you are vaccinated, please bring a photo of your vaccination card with you. You may need it for entry to some places in the city.
- For information regarding NYC vaccination requirements see: <https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/564-21/defeat-delta-mayor-de-blasio-key-nyc-vaccination-mandate-will-begin-tomorrow-august>

### **Quarantine:**

- Because we are living and eating together, we realize that if someone gets sick during LTO then it has the potential to affect everyone.
- If anyone in our group does test positive for COVID during LTO they would need to quarantine for 10 days from the start of symptoms.
- Anyone in close contact with that person would also need to quarantine for at least 7 days and have a negative test on days 5-7 to come out of quarantine.
  - o A negative test does not shorten the quarantine from 7 days.
  - o Quarantining for 10 days is required with no test.
  - o **(See exceptions to those needing to quarantine)**
- During LTO, if someone develops cold or flu-like symptoms we may ask them to get tested for COVID. Rapid tests are easily available and are free here in NYC.
- COVID would drastically change LTO so we want to pray that everyone stays healthy.
- **Those who would not need to quarantine in the event of a COVID exposure**
  - o If you have a **confirmed positive COVID test** or a **confirmed positive antibody test** within the past 6 months, you would not need to quarantine in the event that you would have another COVID exposure. If you have had a positive test, please bring proof of that with you to the city.
  - o If you have been **fully vaccinated for COVID** you would not need to quarantine in the event of a COVID exposure. You should bring your vaccination card or a picture of it with you.
  - o Please note that vaccinations or positive antibody and covid tests are not a “license” for intentional covid exposure but are to be viewed as protection against unintended exposure.

We appreciate your cooperation with us, and we look forward to having you here at the MTC!

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