

Re-Opening of Williamsburg Friends Meeting

It's with joy, relief and gratitude that we announce the re-opening of our meetinghouse on 3051 Ironbound Road in Williamsburg **on July 4th at 10:00 am**. We are currently waiting for a chimney leak to be fixed and for a deep cleaning to be completed.

To ensure everyone's safety, we have agreed to the following precautionary measures:

- There will be a sign posted on the door outlining what is required.
- For the first month, at least, we will all wear masks. This is to protect any newcomers or previous attenders who haven't been vaccinated without asking them to sit at a distance or wear a mask when we would not be doing so. If we know everyone in attendance on a particular Sunday has been vaccinated, we will be able to remove our masks. We will provide disposable face masks as you enter the building for anyone who does not have their own.
- We will have bottles of hand sanitizer located throughout the building.
- We will resume worshipping for 60 minutes, instead of the 40 minutes we agreed to on Zoom.
- There will be a screen in the worship room for out-of-town Friends who want to continue to join us each Sunday via Zoom. There are sections of the worship room which are not visible to the camera if you choose not to be on Zoom.
- We will continue our practice of enjoying post-worship social time with tea and snacks. If we're wearing masks, we will be careful to bite and mask and sip and mask. We will also be cautious about serving food, perhaps asking one Friend to dole out our offerings, using tongs etc.
- We will clean kitchen and bathroom surfaces before we leave, but we do not see the need for deep sanitizing every week.

We have reached out to the AA meeting that used our space on Monday nights and invited them to return. They will not be required to adhere to our safety measures, but we will ask them to do a bit of extra cleaning before they leave the building.

Of course, we'll have to be flexible as we work our way through this process. We will keep our hearts and minds open, always aware that we are a loving community and want everyone who joins us to feel safe and comfortable.

We are open to your comments or concerns please email or call to share them with us. menkhaw@gmail.com or kwbrumfield@gmail.com
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