



A committee, commissioned by the Vestry, has developed these guidelines for use of outdoor space at St. Alban's. They have been developed based on [scientific evidence from the CDC](#) (Center for Disease Control) and advice from the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. These guidelines are intended to protect the health and safety of all parishioners and members of the greater community.

At this time, the outdoor grounds at St. Alban's will be open and available for small groups of parishioners to meet. This will allow prayer groups, small groups, and other groups to meet in person to connect and do the good work of our church. The following guidelines will help to ensure the health and safety of any people who attend.

**Individuals:** Please consider your risk if you are immuno-compromised or have a chronic condition that puts you at risk.

**Groups:** Please consider ways to offer opportunities for all group members, regardless of risk, such as a way for others to participate virtually in the group's in-person gathering. The church's Zoom account can be used to create an event for any St. Alban's group. Contact the parish administrator or the Assistant Rector to set up a Zoom meeting.

**Important Note:** To protect the health and safety of St. Alban's staff, the church building, including the kitchen, will remain closed to groups meeting outdoors. The bathroom off of the parking lot will only be available for emergency use (and should be cleaned using available supplies).

**Outdoor Groups Guidance for Use**

<p>Limitations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Groups of up to 10 people may meet on the church grounds</li> <li>● Masks are required</li> <li>● To maintain space, a limit of two groups will be able to use the grounds at a time (amphitheater and Memorial Garden)</li> <li>● Singing has proven to be a high-risk activity with regards to the spread of COVID-19. Groups should not be singing.</li> </ul>
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Pre-Register and attendance	Your group must register to use the space with parish administrator at <a href="mailto:stalbens@stalbensmaine.org">stalbens@stalbensmaine.org</a> . A list of those in attendance should be kept. This attendance can be sent to the parish administrator so that contact tracing can be done, if necessary.
Self-Screening	<p>Please consider the following before you attend a meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are you currently feeling well? <i>If sick, please stay home.</i></li> <li>• Have you recently traveled out of Maine? <i>If you have, please stay home and follow Maine's 14-day quarantine rules unless you have had a negative test in the last 72 hours.</i></li> <li>• Have you recently been exposed to anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19? <i>If so, remain home per medical guidelines</i></li> </ul>
Cleaning	<p>Please use provided disinfectant wipes to clean the chairs before and after use. The church sexton will continue to maintain current cleaning practices.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer will also be readily available for people to clean their hands.</p>
Best practices	Try to keep your group experience contact-free. Group participants should bring their own materials (books, papers, water bottles, etc.) so that social distancing can be maintained. Please carry out any garbage with you