



Survey about Reopening the San Antonio Quaker Meetinghouse

Friends Meeting has appointed an ad-hoc committee to make recommendations about when and how to return to the Meetinghouse for our activities. As part of the discernment process, we wish to survey a broad range of members and attenders for their views. You are someone who has attended Meeting activities in the past.

Please check your answer(s) to the questions below and add any comments that you think will help the committee discern the Meeting's will.

This survey consists of 6 sections. Depending on the length of your comments, it should take you about 10-20 minutes to complete. **Your answers are anonymous.**

Section 1: Attendance

Our first few questions ask for your wishes about and your abilities to attend in-person activities at the Meetinghouse.

1. When was your last regular attendance at Friends Meeting activities?

(Select all that apply.)

- I currently attend Zoom or Hybrid Zoom/Porch meetings.
- I have attended Zoom or hybrid Zoom/Porch meetings in the last year but now seldom do.
- I have not attended Meeting regularly since the COVID crisis began..
- I have not attended Meeting regularly for the past few years.
- Other _____

2. When would you be ready to return to in-person worship and activities at the meetinghouse? *(Select all that apply.)*

- Now
- After I am (or all members of my family or living group are) fully vaccinated.
- When the COVID variants are under control.
- After 70-80% of San Antonio's population has been vaccinated.

- When we have a children's program so that parents can attend Meeting for Worship.
- I would like to attend, but I am unable to do so regularly.
- Other _____

3. If you are unable to attend in-person worship and other activities regularly:
(Please select the most relevant.)

- I do not live close enough to attend.
- I have health or personal reasons that make it hard for me to attend.
- I do not wish to share my reasons.

4. Please add any comments relevant to the above three questions

Section 2: Safety Precautions

5. Once we do return to in-person worship in the meeting room, which safety precautions would you be willing to have us impose - if needed -- for the sake of attenders' and others' health? *(Select all that apply.)*

- Compulsory wearing of masks indoors.
- Distanced seating: a maximum of 2 people or family groups per bench (about 30-40 seats in all).
- Entry only to those who are vaccinated.
- No restrictions after San Antonio has achieved significant herd immunity.
- I am not willing to have any restrictions on in-person meeting room attendance.
- Irrelevant, as I am not able to attend in-person worship at the Meetinghouse.
- Other _____

6. If we need distanced seating, which of these would you support?

(Select all that apply.)

- A reservation system to make sure that we do not overfill the meeting room.
- A system by which volunteers would be willing to meet outside so that newcomers could take their place in the meeting room.
- Two smaller meetings for worship on Sunday.
- Other _____

Please add any comments relevant to the above two questions

Section 3: Inclusion

Different people have different needs and abilities with regard to attending Quaker activities. Please mark how important it is to you to include options so that people with various needs can participate.

7. How important to you is it that Meeting provide opportunities to attend Meeting for Worship to the following: *(Rank each on the 1-5 scale: 1 is low, 5 is high.)*

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Friends who feel that technology in the meeting room would disturb their ability to worship	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Friends who live locally but are unable to attend for health reasons or difficulty of transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Friends who live at a distance but have appreciated being able to attend on Zoom.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other <i>(please describe in the comment section below)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

8. How important to you is it that Meeting provide opportunities to participate in Forums, Business Meeting, and similar activities to the following: (*Rank each on the 1-5 scale: 1 is low, 5 is high.*)

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Friends who live locally but are unable to attend for health reasons or difficulty of transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Friends who live at a distance but have appreciated being able to attend on Zoom.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other (<i>please describe in the comment section below</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

9. Please add any comments relevant to the above two questions

Section 4: Technology and Meeting for Worship

San Antonio Meeting has made no decisions about what level of technology, if any, is appropriate for use during Meetings for Worship in the meeting room. We seek your sense of what things would **benefit or inhibit your worship experience.**

(We presume that everyone wants whatever tech we do use to work properly and not disturb Friends ' waiting silence.)

10. If we use Zoom in Meeting for Worship, which of the following are important to you that we INCLUDE. (NOTE: These are things that you want. The next question asks about things you do not want.) **(Select all that apply.)**

- I want to feel as if the people on Zoom are attending the same meeting for worship that I am, to the extent that is possible.
- I want to be able to see the faces of the people on Zoom, especially when they are giving ministry.
- I want to be able to hear the people on Zoom when they give ministry.
- I want to be able to hear the people in the meeting room when they give ministry.
- None of the above matter to me.
- Other _____

11. If we use Zoom in Meeting for Worship, which of the following are important to you that we AVOID. (NOTE: These are negative statements: things that you DO NOT want.) **(Select all that apply.)**

- A Zoom screen (of any size) would disturb my ability to worship, even if I could sit where I could not see it.
- A large Zoom screen (5' x3 ') would disturb my ability to worship, even if I could sit where I could not see it.
- A small Zoom screen (3'x2 ') would disturb my ability to worship, even if I could sit where I could not see it.
- A discreet video camera would disturb my ability to worship, even if I could sit where I could not see or be seen by it.
- Requiring people to walk to a microphone to give ministry would disturb my ability to worship.
- Any clearly visible microphone would disturb my ability to worship, even if I did not have to walk up to it to give ministry.
- One or more hidden microphones would disturb my ability to worship.
- Speakers to improve hearing would disturb my ability to worship, even well-modulated ones.
- Knowing that our design for worship excludes some people from attending would disturb my ability to worship.
- Other _____

12. Please add any comments relevant to the above two questions

Section 5: Families and Children's Program

13. We know that the pandemic has posed unique challenges for families with children. If this applies to you, what can we do to address your concerns and make it possible for you to participate in meeting activities? *(Select all that apply.)*

- I would need to know that all adults and childcare workers are vaccinated.
- I would like the program to be outside as much as possible, and to know that Friends are okay with children's ordinary noise.
- I would need to be able to bring my child/children to worship and to other activities.
- I would like a structured First Day program to whatever extent is possible.
- I would like some way to connect with other Meeting families, so that my children feel they are part of a community.
- Other _____

14. Please add any comments and suggestions relevant to families, children, and the children's program.

Section 6: Concluding Thoughts

15. We are sensitive to the feelings of those who do not yet feel safe coming back to in-person worship. Do you have any concerns about re-starting in-person worship before everyone is ready/able to return, and thus some people feeling excluded or left out?

Yes, I have concerns.

No, I have no concerns.

16. If YOU were unable to participate in Meeting activities for whatever reasons, would you feel excluded or left out?

Yes, I would.

No, I would not.

17. Do you have any other thoughts or suggestions for us to consider?