



SAFETY AND SECURITY

Safety and Security at SEEK21

FOCUS desires to share the good news of Jesus Christ through SEEK21, and to do so in a way that helps protect the wellbeing of attendees. This document helps participants to share responsibility with their small group members for learning about and complying with safety restrictions and guidelines in the best way possible.

First and foremost: make sure to research, understand, and enforce all state & local COVID restrictions within your area. All SEEK locations must comply with the law. FOCUS is relying on all locations to comply with local laws, restrictions, and guidelines – if you or your location cannot comply, please inform us immediately by emailing safety@focus.org.

The SEEK21 experience and content is specifically catered to a small group setting, while allowing flexibility to scale up or down as needed. Based on area restrictions and guidelines, we encourage all attendees to consider experiencing SEEK21 in a small group setting. Some environments may be conducive to hosting multiples groups at one venue (if restrictions allow) – work with your group/community to determine the best option for your location.

If you are planning to gather with multiple groups at one venue, be sure to double check local COVID regulations for maximum recommended occupancies, restrictions on indoor venues, and any necessary gathering permits.

Emergency Situations

For any life-threatening situations or unlawful activity, always call 911 immediately and provide as many details as possible.

Create a plan with your group or host to determine how best to handle emergency situations after calling 911. If you have any health or safety concerns related to FOCUS, please email safety@focus.org.

Security

If you plan to contract a security company to be present at your site, please first reach out to events@focus.org.

Depending on the size and location of some groups, FOCUS may make local law enforcement aware of the event happening in their area as an extra safety precaution. All events should be following restrictions, and law enforcement will have it on their radar to keep an eye on the area if needed.

Suggested General Health and Safety Guidelines

Please first refer to your local restrictions and guidelines in place and adhere to those. Hosts are encouraged to research and understand these guidelines so they can enforce them adequately for their group. The below suggestions are policies that hosts/attendees are encouraged to follow during the event in addition to their local restrictions.

All Attendees:

- Encourage the wearing of masks when around other attendees or in public areas
- Social distancing – keep the recommended amount of distance between you and other attendees
- Frequently clean and disinfect high touch areas
- Wash hands frequently for 20 seconds or more
- Take a self-assessment before attending in-person activities each day – if you have any COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, or are awaiting the results of a COVID test, refrain from attending any sessions in person
- Stay hydrated and get enough sleep each night

Suggestions Specific to Hosts:

For locations with only one small group (i.e. living room):

- Have sanitizer stations available – include hand sanitizer as well as cleansing wipes to wipe down high touch areas
- Have thermometers available for temperature checks
- Have extra masks available
- Encourage all attendees to take a self-assessment of any symptoms before attending each day
- Make sure all spaces encourage social distancing if applicable
- Many restrictions have a gathering limit based on number of people or percentage of room capacity - know what this is in your area and make sure your group complies
- Encourage any attendees with COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, or awaiting the results of a COVID test, to stay home rather than attend in person

For locations with multiple small groups/households at one venue (i.e. campus center, parish, event venue, etc.):

- Have sanitizer stations available – include hand sanitizer as well as cleansing wipes to wipe down high touch areas
- Have thermometers available for temperature checks – enlist volunteers to help check people in each day and perform temperature checks
- Have extra masks available
- Encourage all attendees to take a self-assessment of any symptoms before attending each day
- Encourage attendees to remain within their groups/households
- Discourage groups from mingling or socializing in-person with others outside of their group throughout the event
- Make sure all room set-ups and spaces (main room, hallways, restrooms, etc.) encourage social distancing (chairs/groups at least 6 feet apart, designated walkways to allow attendees to remain distanced while moving around, etc.)
- Many restrictions have a gathering limit based on number of people or percentage of room capacity – know what this is in your area and make sure your group complies
- Encourage any attendees with COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, or awaiting the results of a COVID test, to stay home rather than attend in person
- Enlist volunteers to help keep an eye on attendees and to encourage these policies!