

Vineyard VdC Secretariat Pandemic Precautions and Protocols

Held Coed weekend Oct 14-17, 2021. 36 Team and 4 Pilgrims.

We acknowledge the seriousness and stress the pandemic has on us all. Vineyard will follow CDC guidelines, rules from the State of Maryland, Fredrick County, and the 4H camp (Weekend facility.) We respect the prayerful consideration of the team and pilgrims to participate on the weekend with the current guidelines.

Considerations:

No justification or limited benefit to go outside the provided guidelines. If we follow the rules, we are good. We felt once a Secretariat adds to the rules, they open themselves up to justify them and we did not want to let personal feelings or get political views enter the decision.

Additional “policing” would be a distraction. Extra burden for the team.

People can choose to take additional precautions, such as wear a mask, not hug, additional social distancing.

No legal forms to sign.

No questions about vaccination status.

Bottom line is to respect everyone’s individuals’ decision.

If a person is nervous or “on the fence” they might be too distracted to serve or benefit from the weekend.

Of Note: The Secretariat took the approach we know who we are and what we do well (hold weekends / build Christian Leaders in the local Church) and we know who we are not (health organization, medical or COVID specialist) Days before the weekend as team or pilgrims (or family members) experienced cold symptoms, took COVID tests, etc. we followed guidelines and asked them not to attend. The Secretariat selected a back-up Rector (already on team who had served as Rector) in case the Rector got sick. The Rector also had back-up rollo’s who were ready to fill in and some did.