

**Kirk of Kildaire
Safe Gathering Task Force
Room Occupancy Limits for Selected Spaces
Phase 3.0 Addendum to the General Recommendations
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Phase 3.0 introduced some new, higher limits for conference center meeting spaces and movie theatres, spaces that are most like our Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. The limits are:

- 30% of rated fire capacity, or where this does not exist, 7 people per 1000 square feet.
- There is a hard limit of 100 people per space.

The rated capacity of the Sanctuary is 675. 30% of this is 202, but as noted above, the hard limit is 100. The Safe Gathering Task Force has discussed starting at a lower level, with 35 in the congregation given the number of people in bell choirs and the chancel choirs participating at each service. (The total number of all individuals in the sanctuary would not exceed 65). This would increase gradually depending upon pandemic conditions. **Because of the increased prevalence of Covid-19, in-person worship has been suspended for the time being.**

There is no rated capacity of the Fellowship Hall, though most town codes follow the International Fire Code, Section 1004:

- Rooms with tables and chairs require 15 feet per person
- The Fellowship Hall is 4,657 square feet, thus rated fire capacity would be 310, 30% of which would be 93. Using the 7 people per 1000 square feet number, the limit would be 32. To be conservative, this is the figure in the table below.

For other rooms, the table below still uses the Phase 2.5 limits of 12 people per 1000 square feet with a hard limit of 25 per indoor space (**now 10 based on the latest executive order**). We do not believe there was an intent to apply the new, lower 7 people per 1000 square feet number to these types of spaces.

As a church, the Kirk can exceed executive order limits, but we generally follow them.

If an event is planned outdoors, in case of unexpected inclement weather a group may seek shelter in these spaces but should not exceed the maximum occupancy level in the table.

Phase 3.0 Maximum Occupancy Levels (Temporary Reduction)

Room	Sq. Ft.	Maximum Occupancy
Gathering Space	1548.6	18 (Hard limit of 10)
Gathering Space Kitchen	238	2
C001	391	4
C002 Camp Chameleon	391	School limits
C003	391	4
C004	391	4
C200 Session Room	436.6	5
C202	422.5	5
C203	412	4
C204/206	805.6	9

C205	404		4
C207	309		3
C208	437		5
C209	202		2
C210	437.9		5
C211	432.4		5
C212	391		4
C213	434		5
C215/217	805		9
Chapel*	689.6	8 (Hard limit of 3)	
Library	199.5		2
YW-1 (Youth Wing)	463		5
YW-2	412		4
YW-3	412		4
YW-4	256		3
FH-1 (side of Fellowship Hall)	350		4
FH-2	354		4
Choir Room	1000	12 (Hard limit of 10)	
Fellowship Hall	4657.3	32 (Hard limit of 10)	
Fellowship Hall Kitchen	823		9
Sanctuary**	6920	65 (No indoor worship)	

*Chapel limited to 3 due to lack of fresh air ventilation

**Sanctuary may increase to 100 over time