

Guidelines for SAMIS During COVID-19 Pandemic Period

The following guidelines outline how corps are to collect statistics during the COVID-19 pandemic period while public gatherings are banned.

Sunday and Mid-Week Worship Services

Corps that are broadcasting worship or mid-week services can use the fields **#virtual meetings** and **#virtual households** to record statistics. This allows for the understanding that there may be several people viewing in a household together. These are new fields that have been added to SAMIS for various activities including Sunday Worship - AM, Prayer and Bible Study.

Corps whose members are tuning in to the territorial worship service provided virtually every Sunday are not required to record how many did so. Those numbers will be reflected in the future as a collective number from THQ.

In Person & Virtual Combination Services

If your corps is returning to in person worship and is continuing to broadcast for those who are not ready to attend in person, make sure you enter both your in person mtgs/attendance, and your virtual mtgs/attendance. Enter data into all four boxes (#Mtgs, #Attendance - Meetings, # Virtual Mtgs, #Virtual Households). The image below demonstrates how to record one service with 20 people in person, and 35 people virtual.

Program Detail	Totals
# Attendance - Meetings	20
# Meetings	1
# Virtual households	35
# Virtual Meetings	1
Prayer & Commitment - Adult (Sr Skr-Oth)	0
Prayer & Commitment - Youth (Jr Skr-Oth)	0
Salvation Decision - Adult (Sr Skr - 1st)	0
Salvation Decision - Youth (Jr Skr - 1st)	0

In Person Only: use #Attendance-Meetings and #Meetings only.

Virtual Only: use #Virtual households and #Virtual Meetings.

NOTE: If you are broadcasting live in person services, make sure everyone in attendance knows and is consenting to being on screen.

Weekly Programs

Corps that are using virtual platforms for other regular activities that allow individual counts of small groups such as Women's Ministries groups, prayer and Bible study, or Sunday school can enter their statistics into the same activity, under #virtual meetings and #virtual households as well.

Seekers – First Time

During these days of uncertainty many seek spiritual counsel by phone, and the potential to extend God's kingdom is great. If opportunities to lead people into a relationship with Jesus arise, please make sure you indicate in the area Seekers – First Time. This can be entered under the Activity – Pastoral Visitation.

Post Service Social Media Viewing

Some virtual platforms allow for post-viewing of previously live streamed services. If possible, collect post-view totals separately under *Internet and Media: Statistics from Website Traffic, Social Media Impact, Radio or Television Broadcasting, #Events references 'broadcasts, podcasts, or key posts.'* Find guidelines on how to add this activity to an account on the THQ Corps Ministries website: <https://salvationist.ca/corps-ministries/corps-administration/samis-help/activating-new-programs/>

Ministry Connections

Phone calls, mailing cards and regular devotionals can now be entered into #ministry connections. This box is now available on some Activities such as Adult Fellowship, Older Adult Fellowship, Sunday School - Sunday, Pastoral Visitation - Officer.

Care Packages

During COVID-19 many corps are reaching out to members and group participants in different ways. Delivering care packages or packages of resource materials can now be counted under the box #care/resource packages. Do not use this area for food deliveries considered assistance. This is for other gift and ministry packages.

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