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Church Family and Potential Visitors,

With the recent announcement by the Alberta Government of further reduction of COVID-19 restrictions for attendance capacity at worship gatherings, we are permitted to begin the process of re-opening our doors for in-person ministry activities with stringent expectations for sanitation, personal protective equipment (PPE), and physical distancing to ensure everyone's safety.

With numerous pages of recommendations and requirements provided to us, we are choosing to be patient and discerning as there is much work to be done in preparation for a safe return to onsite gatherings. We've set a date of re-opening of **June 28th at 11 AM**, with the option to continue to view recorded videos online for those who aren't comfortable attending the in-person services.

Our commitment is to offer a safe environment for worship, teaching, and community with the addition of intensive cleaning routines, necessary personal protective equipment, and sanctuary seating that accommodates for 2-meter distancing between households and cohort families. Our team is working hard to implement all that is required for us to be together once again.

As excited as we are to re-open, we are going to be wise, thoughtful, and strategic in how we will do so. In the next pages you can find the practices, and guidelines implemented that will inform you of the steps of preparation taken to date, what to expect and what your role and responsibilities are as value members of our family.

We welcome your prayers as our teams of volunteers and staff are working diligently and ask that you stay connected by following us on social media and checking the website for all the latest information about our re-opening process.

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Slave Lake Alliance Church Re-opening Information Sheet

Risk Mitigation

- Physical Distancing Measures
  - Must be maintained between members of different households. Except for cohort* families.
  - Avoid sitting together unless from the same household or cohort* family

    **Cohort is defined as small groups of people where members do not always keep 2 meters apart to a maximum of 15 people.*

- Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette
  - Cough or sneeze into sleeve
  - Use provided hand sanitizer
  - Wear a non-medical mask if physical distancing cannot be maintained and expected to be in close contact with someone outside of your household or cohort family for longer than 15 minutes.
- Do Not Attend
  - If you are:
    - Feeling unwell
    - Experiencing most common symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat. New or worsening conditions)
    - Travelled outside of Canada (mandated quarantine for 14 days upon re-entry to Canada by Federal Government)
    - Had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in the last 14 days (enforced by provincial Health Order)
- Parents, Families, and Caregivers
  - Keep young children close and not allow them to wander the sanctuary or other parts of the building
- Rapid Response Plan/Contact Tracing
  - We will be collecting names and contact information of attendees.
    - Providing information is voluntary for attendees,
    - Information is only required to be kept for 2 weeks and will only be asked to share with Alberta Health Services if a potential exposure occurs onsite. (This is strictly released for contact tracing purposes only.)

Facilities

- Expect control measures to limit support physical distancing among attendees
  - To avoid congestion around entrance/exit, please limit socializing in common areas

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- Increased frequency of cleaning and disinfecting of high traffic areas, common areas, and washrooms
- High touch/shared surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, bathroom fixtures, etc. frequently cleaned and disinfected
- Hand sanitizer at entrances and exits, and other areas throughout the building

Singing

- Congregational singing is discouraged. Feel free to hum along
- Worship band will continue to lead music, but with physical distancing measures enforced

Interpersonal Interactions

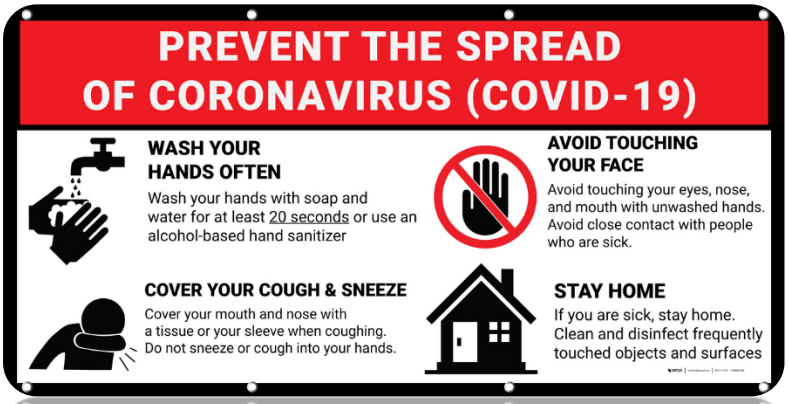
- Shaking hands, hugging, touching, or passing items between people must not occur, except between members of the same household or cohort family.

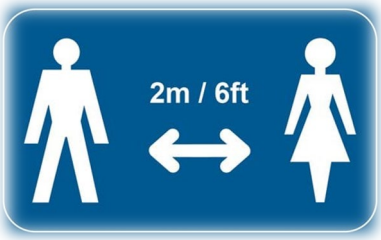
Shared Items

- To limit the sharing of items that cannot be cleaned and sanitized before and after each use (e.g. Bibles, notepads, pens, etc.) these are removed from the sanctuary and other common use areas. Please bring your own.
- Nursery/Toys
    - The nursery will not be available at this time. Baby room will remain available, but toys will be removed.
- Library – at this time please refrain from checking out books until proper protocols can be determined.

Resources

- Alberta Health Services - https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx
- Alberta Government - https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx
- Alberta Biz Connect - https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx
- Government of Canada - https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html





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