

Sunday Safety Protocol

(Updated June 30, 2020)

ARRIVAL

Upon arrival, attendees will need to line up outside of the building, while maintaining the 2 meter physical distancing requirements. Access will be granted one person/household at a time. Attendees will be screened (as noted above) and offered hand sanitizer. They will then be allowed into the foyer where they will wait for an usher to seat them.

FACE MASKS

Face masks will be required to be worn by all attendees. Bring your own face mask and put it on before entering the building.

SEATING

Seating will be assigned by the ushers on duty, who will ensure that the seating configuration in the church will work with the appropriate physical distance guidelines. Attendees will take their seats as assigned by the ushers. Kindness and consideration will be appreciated.

Please make sure to maintain at least 2 meters distance from the next person. Families from the same household may sit together. As far as possible avoid unnecessary contact with the walls etc. and try to only use the handicap washroom on the upper level. Anyone who uses the washroom will be asked to spray and wipe down all the surfaces they touched, before they leave the washroom.

OFFERING

The offering bags will not be passed around. However, there will be a box to collect offerings in the foyer, at the back of the sanctuary. Those who wish to leave an offering in the offering box are to inform their usher on their way into the sanctuary and they will be given time to take care of that before they are seated.

SINGING

Dr Bonnie Henry has noted singing carries high-risk and should be avoided. However, the elders feel that we will still be safe and responsible if attendees sing or hum inside their masks, since it will stop droplets from being expelled into the air. Singing without a mask will not be permitted.

SERMON

The sermon will be preached from the pulpit by a person without a face mask. In order to protect the attendees, nobody will be seated in the two front rows. The preacher and the person making the announcements will not share the same microphone.

COMMUNION

On Communion Sunday, attendees will be asked to pick up juice and a wafer/cracker from the foyer before they enter into the sanctuary. Attendees are asked to hold the emblems, or to place them in the pew backs until it is time to celebrate Communion. After the service attendees are asked to please bring their cups with them on the way out of the sanctuary and deposit them in the trash bin as they exit the sanctuary.

CLOSING and CLEANING

When the service draws to a close you should remain seated. The usher will pass you a disinfectant wipe and request that everyone wipe down the areas they have touched during their stay. The ushers will indicate the order of leaving and have a trash bin ready at the back of the sanctuary for your wipes and communion cups.

EXIT

At the end of the service, proceed directly outside, using hand sanitizer when leaving. The ushers will open the doors so that you do not have to touch it on the way out.

Practice social distancing when outside and try not to touch your face until you get home. Wash your hands again as soon as you get home.

THANK YOU

We understand that these protocols seem onerous and maybe unnecessary. However, it is by abiding by them that we will be able to open the chapel in a safe and responsible manner during this time.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who is willing to attend in a responsible manner and to show brotherly love and kindness in this way. It is appreciated!
