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### **CMBC Re-Launch Guidelines**

As we look forward to our re-launch of in-person services at Coaldale MB Church on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. please note the following:

Alberta Health's guidance for places of worship is intended to minimize the risk of infection; provide procedures for rapid response if an attendee develops symptoms of illness; ensure that attendees maintain high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene; and comply with Alberta Health's various guidance documents. The full version of the Guidance for Places of Worship document is attached.

The following bullet points are specific to how we will resume in-person services at CMBC. Please remember that some attendees are at higher risk of contracting COVID than others. Please respect the most vulnerable at all times by following the **General Guidelines**, as well as the **Entry and Exit Procedures** on the next page.

#### **General Guidelines**

- Those who are experiencing any of the most common COVID related symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat), or are required to isolate due to recent travel or close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID MAY NOT ATTEND.
- The only accessible areas of the church will be the entrances, foyer, sanctuary, and the balcony (**only if needed**).
- Washroom access will be limited to the single washroom in the foyer only, beside the mailboxes. Please plan accordingly. (*We will re-assess this going forward*).
- All other areas of the building are closed (nursery, library, gym, downstairs, lounge).
- There will be no nursery or coffee service.
- Use of facemasks is encouraged if physical distancing is not possible, and for those who sing. Please bring your own facemasks.
- Singing is a higher risk activity. Options include humming, or using a facemask if you wish to sing. Please bring your own facemasks.
- Shaking hands, hugging, touching and passing items between people or cohort groups are not permitted. We understand that is very difficult. Please consider gestures such as waving, nodding, hand to heart gestures, etc.
- Extra sanitation will be needed for those touching items such as musical instruments, microphones, sound system, etc. Everyone using these is



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encouraged to wipe them with a sanitizing wipe before and after use, and to use hand sanitizer frequently.

- Please follow any other posted or spoken reminders/guidelines.
- Additional guidelines will be developed or revised as needed.

### **Entry and Exit Procedures**

- You may enter through either the North or South-East doors.
- Doors will be unlocked and propped open at 9:30 a.m. – Service @ 10:00 a.m.
- Please line-up to enter, and please ensure proper social distancing as you visit with one another.
- A table will be set up inside each entrance. A volunteer will record the names and phone numbers of attendees. Note: People are not REQUIRED to have their names recorded.
  - These attendance lists will be kept at the church and shared with Alberta Health only if requested due to a confirmed case among those who have attended for purposes of contact tracing. Lists will be destroyed after two weeks.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the tables and other locations. Please use it.
- After checking in, please enter the sanctuary doors that are nearest to your entrance and find a seat on that side of the sanctuary. Please do not use the balcony unless the sanctuary is full.
- While everyone may seat themselves, we kindly ask that you respect any suggestions or directions that may be given by the ushers.
- In order to maintain proper distancing between members of different households/cohort groups, every other pew will be blocked off.
- Please reserve the back pews for families with young children.
- After the service, please exit the sanctuary from back to front in an effort to minimize crossing over one another.
- We fully understand and encourage people to visit with one another after the service. In order to allow everyone to exit the building safely, please do not congregate in the foyer, but exit the church as soon as possible through the same doors you came in.