

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN – VIA COMOX VALLEY

Via Comox Valley is committed to providing a safe and healthy gathering of worshippers and protecting other users of the building. This plan will be monitored for effectiveness and will be adjusted as needed or to comply with any change in BC Health directives.

Before you come to a Service: Our ability as a church to function in a safe and healthy manner is directly connected to your individual choices and actions during the week.

1. If you or anyone in your household are sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick, please don't come to church.
2. If you have travelled recently or your social interactions have increased in the past week, consider staying at home until you are confident you have not been exposed.

Modified Gathering: Although we have been anticipating returning to in-person gatherings, our services for the foreseeable future will be significantly different.

1. The occupancy of our space has been set at 40 people. If you will be attending the Sunday service, you will need register through our website by Saturday evening. If we have reached the 40 maximum, you can watch the service on line/recorded service??
2. Children will stay with their families throughout the service. There will not be a kids' program at this point. We are aiming for a one-hour service.
 - a. If your children need some activity/toys for the service, please bring them from home. All church toys, crayons etc. will not be available.

Entrance and Seating:

1. A registration table and hand sanitizing station will be set up in the entrance. Please allow the family ahead of you to complete their process before entering the building.
2. Each person will be required to cleanse their hands and each family will register their attendance should the need for contact tracing arise. Someone will be there to direct you.
3. We are asking that all adults wear facemasks for singing.
4. Find a physically distant seating option for your household. One household per bench or two couples/singles per bench – one at either end.
5. Have conversations from the benches rather than gathering at the back of the church.
6. Coffee will not be provided

The Service:

1. Our Service will follow the same general format we have been using on-line.
2. Recording equipment will be set -up for our on-line component: please monitor your children as the equipment is sensitive and will be carefully set up for the service.
3. The service will still be available through Zoom?
4. We will be exploring the increased use of scripture and liturgy, with congregational participation, in our worship as singing is considered a higher risk activity.

After the Service:

1. We ask that you exit through the side/ramp door at the end of the service and visit outdoors