

Whenever Cornerstone Neighbourhood Church gathers for worship services, the following safety considerations must be met. Our Leadership Team believes it is important to consider guidelines given by provincial health authorities. As SD42 renters Cornerstone must follow the [Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) and the Provincial Health Officer's [Gathering and Events Order](#). We are only permitted in areas of the facility identified in the rental.

- **Attendance**

The number of people in the worship service must remain under 50 in compliance with the BC Centre for Disease Control guidelines for [church services](#). Participants will be asked to RSVP to indicate that they will attend. For contact tracing purposes, a list of names and phone numbers of all participants, along with the dates and hours they were present in the facility will be kept. As SD 42 facility users CNC will participate in contact tracing with Public Health if they are identified as a confirmed case and notify Public Health if we were in the facility, so the district can take extra precautions to keep staff and students safe.

- **Interactions**

Social distancing remains an important way of limiting the spread of COVID-19 so you will be asked to refrain from shaking hands, hugging, and being too close. Seating will provide for distance between households. Personal protective equipment, such as masks and gloves are not expected. However, if you prefer to wear a mask or gloves you are welcomed to do so.

- **Singing**

We will refrain from corporate singing at this time. The musicians must maintain a 2-metre distance from the congregation. We will continue to assess this. Consideration may be given to signing with masks. But currently, we will not have singing at in person services, unless they are held out of doors.

- **Cleaning**

Hand sanitizer must be available for anyone entering the service. In addition, aerosolized [Vital Oxide](#) will be used to disinfect surfaces. Naturally, we are asking each attendee to practice good hygiene, including regular hand washing, avoiding touching your face, and covering coughs or sneezes. The school custodian will be on site for the entire duration and we will assess the enhanced cleaning afterwards.

- **Food**

When coffee and goodies are served, they will be only distributed by a designated person who has properly washed their hands and is wearing a mask. This will also be the case when communion is served. Buffet or pot-luck style meals will be avoided at this time.

- **Assessment**

Worship service participants must assess their health before attending. Anyone who has travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days or has been in close contact with a person who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 must stay home and self-isolate. Please stay at home if you have any cold or flu symptoms, including coughing, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, and fatigue. The sermon presented at the in-person gathering will also be available on our website and YouTube channel.

- **Children**

Before attending children's programming parents must assess their child's health and fill out a standard health check to ensure the continued safety of all children (see [SD42 Daily Health Assessment Checklist](#)). Volunteers teaching or assisting the class will be asked to wear a mask during the time in which they are interacting with the children. Cleaning of the classroom will take place before and after every session, making sure to only use nonporous toys that can be disinfected with ease. All children will be given an assigned pencil box with the needed items for the session to prevent the sharing of supplies and subsequently the sharing of germs. Social distancing will be implemented where possible.

- **Homes**

In our Home Group ministry we will be following the provincial health office [limits on gatherings in private homes](#). This means ensuring to limit the capacity of the gathering to the occupants of the home plus six other people. Because private homes often do not allow for the necessary space and do not have extra cleaning protocols, participants are asked to practice distance, hand washing, and other precautions.