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# COVID-19 SUNDAY WORSHIP PRECAUTIONS AND PLAN

The Church has the important responsibility to protect and look after society's most vulnerable. Given the danger posed by COVID-19, this document seeks to balance the church's need and our Lord's command to gather together while doing so in the safest way possible by following the guidance of The Public Health Office of Prince Edward Island. Understanding that the status of the virus on the Island can change rapidly and that our knowledge of the virus will improve, we acknowledge that this is a working document, subject to change as the need arises.

## 1. Gatherings

The current limit for gatherings is three cohorts of 50 people each. Because it is difficult to know how many people will attend an in-person worship gathering, if we find we will have in excess of 50 people in attendance, we will either explore the possibility of having two separate cohorts of 50 people during one service or hold two services. If need be, electronic registration for a particular cohort or worship gathering will be established.

## 2. Face Masks

Everyone entering the church premises for a worship service is required to wear a face mask until they leave the building. For those leading singing or public speaking, masks will not be required as long as they are 12 feet from another person. They will be required to replace their mask when they return to their seat.

## 3. Physical Distancing

All people are asked to physically distance by at least 6 feet. Chairs will be spaced in random groups at least 6 feet apart. Ushers will guide households to the appropriate seating.

## 4. Registration

Each household in attendance will be required to register with their name, number in household attending and phone number in the event that there is a positive case and the information is required for contact tracing. Records will be destroyed after 30 days.

## 5. Sanitization

Hand sanitizer will be provided at various locations in the building. Hand sanitizer should be used upon entrance to the building. The custodian will be responsible to sanitize all high-contact surfaces at the end of the gathering in preparation for the following gathering.

## 6. Washroom Capacity

In order to avoid overcrowding in the washroom and to ensure physical distancing, the washrooms are limited to two persons at a time.

## 7. Directional Marks

There will be markings on the hallway floors to assist with social distancing and the direction of traffic flow.

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