

Dear Church Family,

On Tuesday, November 24th the provincial government announced a number of Covid-19 related restrictions, some of which were directed towards places of worship. These restrictions are in effect immediately and will be reconsidered by the province after three weeks.

- Maximum of 1/3 normal attendance for places of worship
- Physical distancing between households must be maintained
- Mask use is required
- Online services are encouraged
- In-person faith group meetings can continue but must maintain physical distancing, and public health measures must be followed

The premier also announced that the guidelines for places of worship that are currently in effect are now rules (no longer viewed as suggestions).

Here are some of the ways these announcements impact ministry at DAC.

Sunday Mornings

- Our seating capacity with proper distancing allows for 130-140 people to attend. We currently average 90 people so we are within those restrictions.
- Congregational singing is not allowed for the next 3 weeks. Our worship team will be providing some music for us to worship with, but differently for now.
- Masks are required. This is a Town of Devon bylaw and a provincial requirement that applies to everyone 3 yrs of age and up. Some people have exemptions, so please be aware there may be some individuals who are not wearing a mask.
- Kids ministry can continue, but our nursery remains unsupervised at this time.
- Social distancing is required before, during, and after the service.

Midweek Ministry

- Indoor social activities are currently restricted to single-family units only, while outdoor activities can have up to 10 people in attendance.
- Small groups that meet in homes should be cancelled for the next 3 weeks.
- Small groups meeting in the church are allowed, but masks are required.
- Pastor Josh will provide a youth ministry update to parents and youth.

Church Office Hours

- The province encouraged people to work from home if possible. We will be respecting this restriction as much as possible, but will still have access to the church office phone and email, so please don't be afraid to contact us.

It's awkward, it's uncomfortable, it's not normal ... but it's what we are dealing with right now and while there have been some restrictions put in place, we still have freedom to proclaim the hope we've found in Jesus. We just have to find some different ways to do it. Please join us in praying for the health of our church and our community - and for the courage to seize the opportunities to share the hope of Christ that God has created for us during this very unique time in our history.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

In Christ,

Pastor Clayton