

December 9, 2020

Dear Church Family,

On Tuesday, December 8th the provincial government announced another set of Covid-19 restrictions, some of which were directed towards places of worship. These restrictions are in effect on December 13th.

- Services are limited to 15% of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance
- Physical distancing between households must be maintained
- Mask use is mandatory
- Virtual or online services are recommended
- Drive-in services where people do not leave their vehicles are allowed
- In-person group meetings are not permitted in private homes while these measures are in effect, but are permitted when conducted at a place of worship as long as physical distancing and public health measures are followed.
- Speakers can remove their masks while speaking if there is a distance of 2 metres. The mask must be put on again once finished speaking.
- Group performance activities, such as choir singing and playing music, are permitted if they are normal worship practices, but performers must wear masks at all times.

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

Sunday Mornings

- The building inspector has advised us that we can have 72 people in attendance. Once we factor in staff and volunteers, plus leave room for some visitors, it leaves 50 seats available for each service.
- If you wish to attend a service, you will need to pre-register. This can be done via our church app, by phone (7809873100) or by email office@devonalliancechurch.ca
- Depending on the number of people who sign up, we may need to have two services on Christmas Eve. However, the building needs to be cleaned between services, so we would encourage people to watch online if possible.
- Congregational singing is not allowed at this time but we will be looking for creative ways to express our worship to God.
- Masks are required for 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 will be on a Christmas break until January 10th.
- Social distancing is required before, during, and after the service.

Midweek Ministry

- Small groups that meet in homes are cancelled until mid-January.
- Small groups meeting in the church are allowed, but masks are required.

Church Office Hours

- Working from home is now mandatory for the next four weeks, so the church office will be closed from December 13-January 12th. If you have questions or concerns, please call (7809873100) or email (office@devonalliancechurch.ca). Prayer requests can be sent to pray@devonalliancechurch.ca or Pastor Clayton clayton@devonalliancechurch.ca.

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we work through these challenging days. We continue to pray 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