

Fellowship Christian Reformed Church

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Return To Church Policies in Response to COVID 19

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Overview

The following policies and procedures have been developed by the Covid Advisory Team, and have been approved by the Management Team of Fellowship Christian Reformed Church. All policies are in line with, and based on the recommendations and requirements of The Minister of Health, The Government of Ontario, HKPRD Health Unit, and our Insurance Provider.

Throughout The Week

During the week, the church building will be closed to the public. Exceptions include groups providing Mental Health Services, and Worship Services. At this point, the church will not be available for rental or use by outside agencies,

unless they are providing a service deemed essential by the province.

Worship Services

In accordance with the regulations noted above, our worship services will operate with a maximum of 95 people (15% of seated capacity), including all staff and volunteers required to ensure a safe environment. **Since seating will be limited, you must [RSVP Online](#), or by calling the church office to reserve a space each week in order to attend the service.**

Before You Arrive

- If you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid 19, or have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days, you may not enter the church building at any time.
- Ensure that you have RSVP'D, have received confirmation, and have read the entirety of this Document.
- Please do not arrive more than 20 minutes before the service, and ensure that you keep 2 metres apart, even in the parking lot.

When You Arrive

- After you park, you will see a Greeter who will be available to assist you in locating the Main Entrance/Check in Location. Note: All attendees must enter through the main doors.
 - There may be a line-up when you arrive. Please remain patient, and follow all Social Distancing Markers laid out for you on the sidewalk.
 - If you require extra assistance, please advise the Parking Lot Attendant, who will ensure that you can enter as quickly and safely as possible.
- All attendees will be required to Check In prior to the service, just inside the Main Doors.
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided here
 - You will then be directed by an usher who will assist to find your seat in the sanctuary.
- **In accordance with local health unit regulations, you must wear a mask at all times during the worship service.**

Before The Service

- You will be asked to sit in predetermined locations, as alternating pews will be blocked off to ensure adequate social distancing.
 - You may only sit with those who live in the same household as you.
- While we understand that you will be excited to gather in physical community once again, please refrain from all physical contact/greetings with fellow attendees prior to the service.

During The Service

- **We do not recommend congregational singing.**
- Nursery is available for children ages 0-2. Space is limited, so RSVP is recommended to ensure there is space for your child. Guidelines laid out by the province will be followed at all times.
- Children ages 3-Grade 4 are invited to attend Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. Each family should sit at their own table. If you feel that your child will not be able to maintain social distancing, or will require extra assistance, please have a parent join them.
- Bibles/ Hymnals have been removed from the pews to help stop the spread of the virus.
- Please ensure that you/your family remain 2 metres apart from other attendees at all times.
- If you become ill or experience symptoms of COVID-19 while in the building, you must go home right away and self-isolate. It is advised to call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000, your health care provider or a COVID-19 Assessment Centre for more information and guidance about testing. Please also contact the Church Office to advise us as soon as you can.

After The Service

- Immediately following the service, we will exit in an organized, orderly fashion.
 - The attendees seated in the back rows, closest to the middle aisles will exit first, followed in order by the remaining rows.
- You may exit out of any door, but you must keep 2 metres of distance between each group, even in the parking lot.

Other Important Details

- Washroom use will be limited to one person per washroom at a time.
 - Please ensure proper handwashing at all times.
- The building will be thoroughly cleaned/ disinfected following all services.
- Should you have any concerns about any of these protocols, including the lack of implementation during services, please contact the Church Office, Attention Covid Advisory Team.
- Any changes to these policies, and movement toward additional stages will be dependent on changes to Government regulations, the comfort level of our congregation and community, and the displayed proof that we, as a church, are committed to the health and safety of our community by showing compliance with the above policies.

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