

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 Church Reopening Committee, 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 open to groups within the church on an "Appointment-Only" basis. Groups must not consist of more than 50 people, and attendees must not arrive more than twenty minutes prior to

their scheduled time. Appointments can be made by contacting the church office. All guidelines laid out in the Church Meetings Policy (available in the church office) including social distancing, attendance tracking and disinfecting guidelines must be strictly followed. At this point, the church will not be available for rental or use by outside agencies, unless they are providing a service deemed essential.

Worship Services

In accordance with the regulations noted above, our worship services will operate with a maximum of 165 people (30% of sanctuary 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. You may also download, print and sign the waiver in advance.
- 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 Parking Lot Attendant 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.
 - On your first visit you will be required to fill out a waiver form.
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided here
 - You will then be directed by a member of the Welcoming Team 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

- **Throughout Stage One, Nursery and Sunday School will not be provided.**
 - **Children are welcome in the worship service at the parents' discretion, but physical distancing must be enforced at all times.**
- **We do not recommend congregational singing.**
- 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.
- Entrance to additional areas of the church including classrooms, nurseries and libraries will not be permitted.

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 Church Reopening Committee.
- 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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