

Safeguards for Resuming Gathered Worship at VKHBC

- People will be asked to fill in an [entry questionnaire](#) prior to entering the church. An usher will fill in the form for you if you have not done so in advance. You can also fill out and print off the [questionnaire in a word doc here](#). These will also be used for tracing attendance in the case of someone testing positive for COVID-19 after attending any of our indoor gatherings.
- *(Updated July 6) Wearing face masks will be mandatory inside the church building as mandated by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. For exemptions such as young children or health challenges please review the details directly on the EOHU website: <https://eohu.ca/en/article/2020-07-06>
- People are to maintain safe distances from others (6ft), to abstain from handshaking or other unnecessary physical contact while greeting of one another and should consider bringing their own personal hand sanitizer.
- People will be asked to sanitize their hands upon entering and leaving the church. Hand sanitizer stations will be made available.
- The main doors and windows will remain open throughout the morning in order to minimize the touching of door handles weather permitting.
- Deacons and/or Ushers will direct you to your seat (designated places). (from front to back)
- An offering box will be found at the back of the church where you can place your tithes and offerings upon arrival or as you as you leave.
- Bulletins will not be distributed. Announcements will verbal and will be made available on the web site.
- In accordance with provincial guidelines, we will limit occupancy of our building up to 30% capacity while maintaining social distancing (6ft). The service will be available on the YouTube channel for all, if the sanctuary reaches capacity.
- Children are asked to stay with their parents at all times.

- Children's programs, including Sunday School, Junior Church and Nursery are suspended for the time being. However, a parent can go downstairs with their child if the need arises. Physical distancing in the basement should be maintained and we ask that you bring your own toys.
- Bathrooms are available for emergency use only. Please plan ahead.
- At the end of the service people will be dismissed by the Pastor or ushers from back to front of the church.
- After the service people are asked to go to their car immediately or go to the parking lot to socialize while maintaining social distancing (6ft).

These and various other measures have been put in place in order to help ensure that we are doing all that we can to reduce the risk of potential exposure. As with other illnesses, it is important to continue to follow good hygiene habits in order to strive to keep yourself, your family, and others safe and healthy. Here are a few important practices by way of reminder:

- Please stay home when you are sick or feeling unwell.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with tissues or, if tissues are unavailable, with the crook of your elbow.
- Strive to avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least twenty seconds.
- If going out, consider bringing your own hand sanitizer or wipes for personal use.