



Re: Trinity's Re-Entry Plan

Dear Congregation,

August 7, 2020

It has been a long time since we were last able to meet together in person for worship. In keeping with council's objective to restart worship services on August 16th, we've adopted the following protocols as a "soft-launch" to enable us to begin worshipping together in person in as safe an environment and manner as possible.

We recognize that not everyone, for various health and personal vulnerability reasons, is allowed or prepared to return to a larger group setting. We respect this, especially because we have a large segment of seniors in the vulnerable group. We care deeply about the well-being of our members, regardless of age. If you are uncomfortable going to church at this time, we encourage you to join worship services online. We will continue to use Zoom for livestreaming.

For those attending worship in person, the guidelines are as follows:

- 1) If you are feeling unwell (cough, fever, etc.) you must refrain from attending. You can find a health assessment tool from Alberta Health online.
- 2) At this time we strongly recommend that those in the vulnerable groups, particularly seniors, use their discretion in attending. You should also follow the protocols of the place where you live, like Emmanuel Home. This may be disappointing for some but is for safety reasons, in line with the recommendations of Alberta Health. That said, we will not be turning people away unless they arrive sick.
- 3) In order to attend,
 - a) You **must register** online ahead of time – first come first serve basis initially. (A registration link will be sent to your email address). If you do not use the internet, please phone the church office on Wed or Fri mornings to register.
 - b) There will be limited seating, depending on cohort families attending.
 - c) When registering online, please advise of any cohort family so as to assist with seating arrangements in order that we can fit more people in safely.
- 4) The wearing of masks is now **required** in the city of Edmonton. Please bring your own but we will have some available.
- 5) We will be keeping an attendance log as per Alberta Health guidelines.
- 6) The doors will open at 9:30AM. Only the main automatic doors by the offices will be open. All others will remain closed (in an emergency all doors are all available for exiting).

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- 7) Please practice physical distancing (2 meters/six feet apart) at all times while at church, other than with people in your own family and cohort.
- 8) Ushers will be at the entrance doors and guide you to a seat when you arrive, while reminding you of necessary protocols.
- 9) Hand sanitizer is available at entry and exit doors and should be used upon entry and exit.
- 10) An offering plate will be available at the back of the church upon entry and exit (offering bags will not be passed around).
- 11) Only every other pew will be used. The others will be cordoned off.
- 12) No pew cushions will be available but you may bring your own from home and take it home with you again at the end of the worship service.
- 13) There will not be printed bulletins available at the church but the bulletin will be emailed to everyone as well as delivered to members at Emmanuel Home who have requested one from Mary vanRyk.
- 14) Singing is permitted provided you are wearing a mask.
- 15) Any celebrations of the Lord's Supper will need to involve people using their own elements, as we have been doing in Zoom services over the past months.
- 16) Children will be asked to remain in their seats with their parents during the service. No colouring papers or pencils will be provided but you can bring your own.
- 17) Nursery and Wee Worship will not be available at this time.
- 18) Only the washrooms by the front doors will be open. Only two people will be allowed in the men's room and three in the ladies' room at a time. An usher will monitor those going in and leaving so that not too many are in the room at once.
- 19) The mailbox and gym/classroom areas will not be available.
- 20) Ushers will guide everyone out of the sanctuary at the end of the service, row by row, beginning at the back.
- 21) Exiting the church will be done through the doors directly behind the sanctuary.
- 22) People are encouraged to leave immediately after the service. AHS strongly discourages visiting outside of your cohort. If you choose to visit outside, please keep physical distancing in mind.

Congregation, this is Phase 1 of our re-entry plan. It is not everything back to the way it was before. We welcome your continued input as we move forward. We welcome prayer for our church as a whole and the leadership in particular as we try to navigate this unprecedented situation. Please direct your comments, questions, or concerns to the church office via phone or email. Thank you.

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