

UPDATED SATETY PLAN FOR COVID -19

THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD FAITH CHAPEL

PRINCE GEORGE BC.

Guiding principles and assumptions based on the directives of the Provincial Health Officer of the Province of British Columbia.

The following guiding principles and assumptions have been identified as foundational for all our worship services and office procedure during the period of COVID-19:

- The Church will follow the guidance, expectations, and direction provided by the PHO. The church will also adhere to the *BCCDC's COVID-19: Infection and Prevention and Control Guidance for worship settings and gathering, and office procedures, and WorksafeBC guidance.*
- **In the order titled “NH regional Public Health Orders revised; worship services allowed with vaccination” released on December 9, 2021, as of midnight December 10, 2021 public health orders prohibiting in-person religious services in the Northern health region came to an end and will be in place until at least January 31, 2022. Religious groups are still required to follow the provincial public health orders requiring COVID-19 safety plans and proof of vaccination for worshippers.**
- **As stated in the order, “under the recent changes, faith-based organizations will be allowed to resume in-person worship services, as long as they are limited to 50% capacity in the place of worship and all participants over the age of 11 are vaccinated”.**
- All worshippers must at all times follow the provincial infection prevention processes and procedure: mask must be worn, where possible utilize Plexi glass to maintain appropriate isolation, Face shield, avoid sharing equipment, wipe all equipment and surfaces, hand hygiene and sanitization.
- Vaccine passports showing proof of full vaccination (two doses) will be required from all attendees above the age of 11.
- In-person personal services such as Counselling, personal meditation time must only proceed with the appropriate COVID-19 prevention procedure.
- Office activities and duties will proceed with staffing ensuring that Physical distancing is maintained, PPE are used where necessary, hand hygiene and sanitization continued to be maintained, declutter all surfaces to ensure proper hygiene, avoid sharing tools and equipment.
- The Church is accountable to provide clear, honest, transparent communication regarding their policies and procedures related to COVID-19. The Church updated safety plan will be available on the website and posted on an open and clear spot in the church office.

Environmental measures to mitigate risk within the office and worship setting:

- **Mask is a Requirement. Exemptions would be based on PHO recommendations for exemptions.**
- **Vaccine passports for all worshippers above age 11 will be checked before attendees are allowed to enter the church.**

- All attendees are expected to have registered online through a link provided on the church's website (www.rccgfaithchapelpg) and completed the online registration protocol. See details of the questionnaire below after the Reference section.
- Decrease the number of shared items between officiating ministers, workers, members and provide individual items for use.
- Thoroughly clean equipment, office and worship room surfaces between use and at the end of each day adhering to infection control policies and procedures. Declutter all surfaces for enhanced cleaning.
- Use appropriate cleaning agents and disinfectant procedures
- Limit or remove items that are not easily cleaned such as fabric items.
- Wear appropriate PPE for services and for cleaning.
- Perform hand hygiene before and after removing gloves.
- Wear disposable gloves and masks when cleaning surfaces that are frequently used.
- Alcohol based hand sanitizers available for use in each room.
- Remove unnecessary items from desks, office and worship space.
- Up to date COVID signage posted and visible to worshippers and office staff.
- Maintain Physical distancing in different areas/rooms.
- Utilize Plexi-glass partitions between officiating ministers where physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Keep supplies in closed cabinets and containers when possible.
- Enhanced and regular cleaning of shared spaces.
- Maintain physical distance while socializing after meetings.
- Follow posted or permitted max occupancy requirement for rooms and offices.

Personal measures:

- Stay at home if you are sick or showing signs/symptoms of illness.
- You are encouraged to utilize the BC COVID Self Assessment Tool or 8-1-1 hotline to seek further information and direction or check BCCDC website or Northern Health Website for information.
- Wear appropriate PPE for services/worship.
- Practice diligent hand hygiene.
- Cough or sneeze into elbow or sleeve.
- Refrain from sharing foods/ drinks.
- Refrain from touching face as possible.
- Family are encouraged to stay together during services where possible.

Administrative measures:

- Utilize physical distancing and minimize physical contact.
- Follow posted max occupancy requirements for rooms/offices.
- Stagger appointment times to allow for physical distancing and sanitization at the office.
- Worshippers provided with PPE if requested.

- Environmental scans completed prior to worship service. (screening for respiratory/ possible COVID symptoms). **Personal Protective Equipment:**
- Provide and utilize appropriate PPE for services provided:
- Stay home if you are sick, call to inform your HOD.

References;

1. <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/COVID-19>
2. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/COVID-19/info/response>
3. <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/COVID-19-information#trusted-info#northern-health>

Online Registration Protocol

Question 1 –

The attendee is required to accept this as terms and conditions for attending in-person service.

Vaccine Passport is required to attend in-person service for attendees above age 11.

Are you above age 11 and fully vaccinated? If "YES", please proceed with your registration.

Are you aged 11 and below? Please proceed with registration as you are exempted from this requirement

Response to the following questions are required by attendees of in-person services. A “Yes” response to any of these questions prompts the attendee to stay at home and watch the service online and to discontinue registration.

Question 2–

Do you have any of the following symptoms: Fever (greater than 38°C), cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose?

Question 3–

Have you, or anyone in your household traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?

Question 4–

Have you, or anyone in your household been in contact with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Question 5–

Are you currently being investigated as a suspect case of COVID-19?

Question 6–

Have you tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days?