

NINE MILE RIVER BACK TO THE BUILDING SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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Conditions for Resumption of Worship Services

Worship is to resume in September under the following conditions:

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1. Gatherings of 150 people or less (50% of our allowed occupants in the sanctuary) must follow the social distancing rules. The six feet apart rule must be maintained unless the members are of the same household or bubble. This makes it possible for larger funerals and weddings to take place in addition to worship services.
2. Hand hygiene must be practiced. This includes proper hand washing with soap and water when in the bathroom, and the use of hand sanitizers throughout the building.
3. Surfaces such as light switches, doorknobs, hand railings, taps, sinks, fridge, pens, etc. must be cleaned regularly with household cleaners or disinfectant wipes.
4. The wearing of non-medical masks is mandatory when inside the church building and during worship services. This was a directive of the NS government on July 31, 2020.
5. Doors to areas of the building that are not in use will be locked e.g. storage room door. This will ensure that these areas are kept clean.

Signage

Sign with Covid-19 symptoms will be posted at the church entrance.

Reception

Attendees will be screened prior to entry to the building and asked to confirm that they have no symptoms of illness. Signs with Covid-19 symptoms will be posted at the church entrance.

The entrance doors to the Building shall be opened during good weather. Reminders will be in place to ensure Social Distancing. The floors will have traffic markers and directional arrows.

People arriving in the same vehicle are asked to sit together in the Pew. This will maximise seating available.

Anyone using the accessible ramp will be requested to sit in the first available seating, thus maintaining the 6foot distancing requirement.

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Hand Sanitizers & Masks

Dispensers of liquid sanitizer will be available at the church entrance and at the door from the Wheelchair ramp for worshipers to use before they enter and exit the sanctuary. Disposable masks will be available on the registration desk.

In the bathroom, signs will promote the thorough washing of hands.

Registration

As people enter the building Congregants will be required to sign in. These attendance lists are essential for contact tracing if needed at a later date. These lists will be kept in the office for 30 days and then destroyed.

Seating

Pews have been taped to provide for 6 feet between family Bubbles. Maximum seating available is 36, minimum seating available is 12. This number is dependent on the number of Worshipers who attend alone compared to groups.

Worshipers are asked to remain seated unless they need to use the washroom (see section on "Washroom Usage" below). Hats and coats will be taken into the sanctuary and kept with their owner. Children must remain seated with their parents or guardians.

Hymns, Singing, and the Sound System

Hymn books and bulletins will not be used.

The order of worship will be projected on the screen. There will be no singing.

Pre-recorded music is an option. David Fizzard is the only person use the organ.

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Kim Curlett will be the only speaker and reader. She will make all the announcements.

Personal Contact During and After Worship

The “Passing of the Peace” will only be by non-contact methods e.g. hand waves, prayer hands, nods.

There will be no after church fellowship.

Offering & Food Bank

There will be an offering plate at both doors. The offering can be dropped in these plates when entering or exiting the sanctuary.

Only monetary donations for the food bank will be accepted. These can be put in the offering plates with “Foodbank” or “FB” marked on the envelope.

There will be gloves available for the money handlers.

Baptisms

Each child will be held only by the parents or those in their bubble. Rev. Kim Curlett will sanitize her hands before the baptism. Individual cups of water will be used for each child or adult. These cups can be placed in the font if desired.

Communion

Worshippers are to bring their own communion e.g. crackers and a drink. This ensures that these items do not get contaminated by others. There will be a limited number of small, individual cups of juice and crackers on hand for distribution if necessary.

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Exiting the Sanctuary.

For safe exiting people will be directed to exit the Church from the rear pews first. Arrows and Markers will indicate direction and Social Distancing.

Post-worship Care of Sanctuary

When worship is over and the sanctuary is empty, the doors to the sanctuary will be closed and no entry will be allowed for 72 hours. This is to ensure that whatever viruses may be on the chairs, pulpit, tables, and other furniture will die within this time frame. This procedure was provided by the NS Public Health Dept. Door plates, doorknobs, sign-in tables, pens, and light switches will be wiped down with sanitizing wipes.

Washroom Usage

According to Dr. Lisa Barrett, the chance of a public washroom in and of itself being risky is not the case with Covid-19 because Covid-19 is a respiratory virus. It mainly spreads through droplets that come from a person talking, coughing or sneezing. A person gets infected if they come in close contact with a sick person or when they touch a contaminated object, e.g. a tap or counter, then touch their face before washing their hands. Keeping a safe distance from others, there is little chance of getting infected. It is important to keep a public washroom sanitary, but this is no more important than it would be on a regular day or season. This is because public washrooms are a spreading ground for all kinds of infectious viruses that people need protection from all year. Dr. Barrett said a washroom does not have to be cleaned after each use nor six, seven or eight times a day. A person can judge the cleanliness of a public washroom by looking before using it. The most important issue is proper handwashing before leaving the washroom. Using paper towel is better than air dryers because of airflow from the dryers.

Hygiene rules will be posted in the bathroom.

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Supplies Required

We have sanitizing wipes, sanitizer gel, gloves, disposable masks, and cleaning supplies to last for three to four months. This is a trial-and-error situation as far as quantities go. The committee is not sure what is needed in numbers. It depends on how many attend church and how many of these items are used in a month. With our financial situation in mind, we will monitor how many of these items are used weekly. Ann will take care of this for the first while, and, once we have some numbers, she will purchase more supplies. We should have enough in stock now for at least three or four months.

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