

WHAT STEPS ARE NEEDED BEFORE ST. ANDREW'S CAN SAFELY AND LEGALLY RE-OPEN ITS DOORS FOR SUNDAY WORKSHIP?

- Increase the membership of the current COVID Team to include a wider representation of the congregation, Board, and standing committees.
- Bring this new Team up to speed on the most recent COVID reopening guidelines and review and update the current protocol for St. Andrew's.
- Review the current St. Andrew's re-opening protocol in accordance with Government of Ontario and Public Health's most recent guidelines for places of worship to re-open.
- Recruit a solid volunteer base of church members to implement the re-opening protocol.
- Set up a weekly, on-line and phone-in pre-registration system.
- Remove all hymn books, Bibles and St. Andrew's-related papers, children's books and crayons, Church welcome registry books, and pew cushions from the pews and chairs.
- Next would be to sanitize the pews and chairs.
- Designate, with signage, one entrance and one exit for the building.
- Ensure there is no socializing in the church before or after the service.
- Assign the following responsibilities to willing volunteers to ensure the safety of staff, congregation members and visitors:

Station 1 – Assign the first volunteer to provide hand sanitizer and/or wipes and ensure masks are worn.

Station 2 – The second station would be a Sign-In table to record date, name and contact number for each person or group entering the building.

Station 3 - The third station would be where each person would be asked the formal COVID questions by a volunteer.

Station 4 – The next volunteer would escort the family as one unit or the individual person to a seat ensuring the 6-foot distancing protocol is followed.