

**COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR WORSHIP
AT ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH, HAMILTON ON
BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021**

NOTE

This document is the ***first announcement of our re-opening plans.***
There will be updates and revisions as official and United Church COVID guidelines change.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we move forward.

Please check in the weekly LOOP, on the website
www.standrewsunityhamilton.ca
or call the office at 905-383-7411
updates will also be posted on social media sites when possible.

*As of October 10, 2021, we plan to open the Sanctuary for Sunday worship, with legislated COVID safety precautions in place. Services will be approximately 30 minutes in length and **if possible**, will be Live Streamed on YouTube (YTD). And then **may be** available for viewing the following Sunday on Cable 14.*

***THE RE-OPENING COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES HAVE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION
EVERY PRECAUTION TO PROVIDE A SAFE WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT, BUT EACH OF US
MUST BE RESPONSIBLE TO PROTECT OURSELVES.***

PROTOCOL FOR COVID CHURCH SERVICES

SERVICE ATTENDANCE – You will be welcomed for Sunday Worship beginning October 10, 2021, individually or in family groups, **between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** There is a Sanctuary capacity of 70 people; however, the staff and volunteers are included in the 70 total.

Please, if feeling unwell, remain home.

CHURCH ENTRY– To accommodate both mobility limitations and parking needs,

there will be

TWO ENTRANCES AND TWO EXITS,

but you must enter and exit by the same door,

either the Upper Paradise front door or the back parking lot door.

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UPPER PARADISE ENTRANCE

- Enter one-at-a-time or in your family group **wearing a mask and sanitize immediately.**
- Enter either the library on your right or the Little Angel's Room on your left to Station 1 where you will register for contact tracing.
- Continue through the other door to the Sanctuary to Station 2 where an usher will safely seat you individually or in family groups **using the side aisles.** There will be mobility devices to park as well. Please try to maintain social distancing during this process.

BACK PARKING LOT ENTRANCE

- Enter one-at-a-time or in your family group **wearing a mask and sanitize immediately.**
- Proceed to Station 1 where you will register for contact tracing.
- Continue through to the Sanctuary and at Station 2 an usher will safely seat you individually or in family groups **using the center aisle.** There will be mobility devices to park as well. Please try to maintain social distancing during this process.

LEAVING AFTER THE SERVICE – ushers will direct the congregation members pew by pew using the side aisles for the front entrance and the center aisle for the rear entrance. As per legislation, **you must leave by the same door you entered.**

PLEASE BE PATIENT AND ADHERE TO 6' SOCIAL DISTANCING RULE.

OFFERINGS – The Finance Committee has suggested that PAR or the website Canada Helps link be used if possible or mail cheques to the office; however, for your convenience, offering plates will be available at each entrance. Thank you for continuing to support St. Andrew's. We are coming back!

PEW CUSHIONS – we have purchased new pew cushions, through the Memorial Fund, which will be available for pick up at the back and front of the Sanctuary. Please leave the cushion on your seat when you leave for home.

VENTILATION – Weather permitting, the Sanctuary windows will be open for ventilation - dress accordingly.

WASHROOMS - Attendees are encouraged to use their home washroom before coming to church; however, if needed, there will be a limit of one person at a time. We request that you please spray the surfaces you touched before leaving the washroom for the next person entering.

SINGING – Unfortunately, there can be no hymn singing during the service until further notice. We all look forward to that day!