

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

NOTE

This document is the ***third version of our re-opening protocol.***

Watch for updates as official and United Church COVID rules change.

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

Please check in the weekly LOOP, on the website

www.standrewsunitiedhamilton.ca

or call the office at 905-383-7411

updates will also be posted on social media sites when possible.

We are now open for Sunday worship, with legislated COVID safety precautions in place. Services will be approximately 30 minutes in length and are Live Streamed on YouTube. And also available for viewing the following Sunday on Cable 14.

***THE RE-OPENING COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES CONTINUE TO TAKE 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 – With a 70-person occupancy limit (including staff and volunteers) the doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and the service will start at 10:30 a.m. and last 30 minutes. There is Live Streaming.

Please, if feeling unwell, remain home.

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

there will be TWO ENTRANCES,

and you must enter and exit by the same door,

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

UPPER PARADISE ENTRANCE

- Enter one-at-a-time or in your family group **wearing a mask**.
- **Contact Tracing** - Proceed to the registry table and sign your name and contact number and check the box to indicate that you understand the COVID Guidelines.
- Seat yourself safely taking into consideration the 6' Social Distancing rule. Be aware of mobility devices in the aisles.

BACK PARKING LOT ENTRANCE

- Enter one-at-a-time or in your family group **wearing a mask**.
- **Contact Tracing** - Proceed to the registry table and sign your name and contact number and check the box to indicate that you understand the COVID rules.
- Move into the Sanctuary and seat yourself safely taking into consideration the 6' Social Distancing rule. Be aware of mobility devices in the aisles.

LEAVING AFTER THE SERVICE – leave the Sanctuary by the same door you entered, keeping the 6' distance, and moving out pew-by-pew.

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 either side of the back of the Sanctuary and the front Sanctuary entrance. Thank you for continuing to support St. Andrew's. We are back!

PEW CUSHIONS – we have purchased new pew cushions, through Worship Funds, 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!

Sept. 14-21 Updated and approved by Board
 Sept 7-21 by Re-Opening Sub-Committee
 October 4-21 by Re-Opening Sub-Committee
 October 19, 2021, by Re-Opening Sub-Committee