

## FOR CHURCH MEMBERS, VISITORS, GROUPS, and RENTERS

COVID-19 PROTOCOL 10<sup>TH</sup> VERSION  
ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH, HAMILTON ON  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

**PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY**

**COVID SYMPTOMS “SELF-ASSESSMENT” POSTED ON ALL ENTRY DOORS** – Everyone entering the building is asked to read the “Self-Assessment” page posted. If you are showing or experiencing any of the symptoms listed, please do not enter the building for any reason.

**COVID-19 symptoms can vary -**

- from person-to-person
- in different age groups
- depending on the COVID-19 variant

**Some of the more commonly reported symptoms include:**

- sore throat • runny nose • sneezing • new or worsening cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • temperature equal to or more than 38°C
- feeling feverish • chills • fatigue or weakness • muscle or body aches
- new loss of smell or taste • headache • abdominal pain, diarrhea, and vomiting
- feeling very unwell

**If you don't feel well or if you have any symptoms, even if mild, assume you may have**

**COVID-19.** Immediately isolate at home and away from others. Check with your local public health authority for more advice, including where and how to get tested if recommended.

You may be infected, but not have symptoms; however, you can still spread the virus to others. You may develop symptoms later (be pre-symptomatic) or never develop symptoms (be asymptomatic)

If you've been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, contact your local public health authority for advice on what to do next.

**By entering this building, you acknowledge that you have read and understand these guidelines.**

Public Health of Ontario

Considering the Public Health Guidelines and the Board's concern for the safety of our congregation and staff, the following rules regarding attendance at services and events at St. Andrew's United Church will apply:

**SANITIZING HANDS:** Sanitizer will continue to be made available for individual use.

**MASK WEARING:** In accordance with provincial guidelines, in-person Sunday worship resumed Sunday, March 6, 2022, and effective March 21, 2022, mask wearing was determined to be optional (an individual's personal choice).

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** All sanctuary seating has been reopened to provide maximum space for safe seating.

**LIVE STREAMING:** Live streaming of the Sunday services will continue.

**VENTILATION:** Fans are still not encouraged by Public Health; therefore, ventilation can be obtained by opening windows. Dress accordingly.

**SINGING:** Effective, Thursday, September 15, 2022, choir practice resumed, and the choir has the option of sitting in the loft for each Sunday Service until further notice. Solos and readings have resumed in a safe manner.

**HYMN BOOKS AND BIBLES:** These items will sit on the chairs for a week before being used again; therefore, they may be used during a Sunday service by individual choice.

**OFFERINGS:** The Finance Committee has suggested that PAR, Canada Helps website or cheques mailed to the Church Office be avenues for donation if possible. The offering plates will continue to be available in the Sanctuary and offerings will be acknowledged during the Sunday service. Thank you for continuing to support St. Andrew's as the church continues to require maintenance, heating, water, and staffing.

**C.E. HALL EVENTS, OUTSIDE GROUPS, CHURCH OFFICES, MEETING SPACES, CHOIR LOFT:** were reopened effective Tuesday March 2, 2022, following Public Health guidelines indicating that precaution is an individual choice.

**WASHROOMS:** You are encouraged to wipe the counter, sink, etc., after each using.

The St. Andrew's Board is carefully taking these measures to protect everyone using the building. Effective March 21, 2022, it is up to everyone to decide how they are going to protect themselves and others. It is out of respect of everyone's personal choices, regarding our safety, that we will move forward and keep St. Andrew's a safe space.

March 8, 2022, October 12, 2022