

## North Grenville Community Church COVID-19 Plan for In-Person Worship Services

As we continue to re-open our Church, please be aware of the following guidelines. We recognize that they may be awkward/uncomfortable and contrary to our culture of hospitality and community. In working to foster a safe environment for all, we thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation in this new and ever-changing environment.

Our Sunday morning in-person service is at 10 AM. The service will be simulcast live on Facebook, YouTube, and the Church website at 10 AM for those who prefer to attend online. To help us plan and ensure that we do not exceed health unit requirements for building capacity, please let us know if you intend to attend in person by registering at <https://form.jotform.com/ngccfmchurch/phase-3> or by calling the Church office at 613-258-4815.

### **Before coming to Church:**

While we are following the guidance of our public health authorities, we cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed to COVID-19 while attending our in-person services. Anyone attending any of our in-person services does so at their own risk.

Please monitor your and your family's health. Please check the temperature of all family members before coming to Church. If any family members have a fever, please remain home for the health and safety of all. Consult your family doctor or the public health unit at 1-800-660-5853 extension 2499 or <https://healthunit.org/coronavirus/>.

If you exhibit any of the following symptoms, please remain home at this time - cough, fatigue, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, headache, runny nose, sore throat, chills with shakes.

Attendees and volunteers from demographic groups at a higher risk of serious illness, such as people 65 years of age or older and individuals with chronic medical conditions, are encouraged to stay safe by avoiding public gatherings but not prohibited from attending these services should they so choose.

The use of masks and face coverings is mandatory at this time for everyone unless they have a medical exemption. Please bring a mask. If you don't have one, we have a small number of disposable masks available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Arriving at Church:**

Maintain physical distancing at all times – two metres (six feet) from others – in the parking lot, church entrance, and inside the Church.

To limit the use of multi-touch surfaces, please enter and exit via the front door. The doors will be propped open 15 minutes before the service starts and left open until 10 minutes after the service begins.

Sanitize hands upon entry and regularly wherever possible.

Upon entry, kindly remove or cover your outdoor footwear with the supplied booties or bring your indoor shoes. This will keep the floor in the foyer dry for the Kids Worship Program. You may hang your coat on the rack in the entranceway or keep it with you for the service. Kindly do not use the coat rack in the foyer.

The chairs will be arranged in the sanctuary to follow distancing requirements. You may not be able to sit where you wish or where you usually do. Families and households living at the same residence should sit together; the same two metres (six feet) distance should be maintained with others. Follow the direction of signage and Church staff for seating.

If you prefer to read out of a printed bible, please bring your own. Scripture verses will be projected on the screen. At the direction of the health unit, there will be no singing during the service, except by our worship leaders, who will sing from behind a barrier screen. Church bulletins will not be printed at this time. Children will sit in the sanctuary with their parents/guardians until the Kids worship program begins in the foyer. Please register your child for Kids Worship by letting us know that they will be attending by completing the sign-up form <https://form.jotform.com/ngccfmchurch/phase-3>. A small snack will be available for the kids during Kids Worship. Please let us know if your child has allergies when registering to attend the service. Children aged 2-5 years are encouraged to wear a mask if they are able. Children aged 6+ (Grade 1) must wear a mask unless they have a medical exemption.

### **Celebrating Communion and other service instructions:**

Kindly bring your own elements (bread and Juice) and listen carefully to announcements before the start of and during the service. Follow directions as advised. Masks must be put back on after consumption of communion elements.

There will be no passing of the offering plate. Please leave your donation in the Offering Box at the back of the sanctuary.

There will be no greeting time or food served following our services. The church library is closed until further notice. Except for people within your own family/household, please do not hug or shake hands during any portion of the service. Instead, greet people with a smile and a wave. Please maintain physical distancing at all times except with those who are in your family/household.

Please use the bathroom at home before coming to Church and the Church upstairs bathroom only if absolutely necessary. There will be cleaning supplies available in the bathroom for you to wipe the bathroom down after your use. Please respect physical distancing outside the washroom.

### **General:**

The Church basement is closed and will not be used for Kids Worship or extra washroom facilities.

If you suddenly feel ill, start coughing or sneezing, please leave the Church for the health and safety of others gathered.

If, within 14 days of attending Church, you learn that you or someone in your family who attended Church with you has tested positive for COVID-19, you are asked to: a) contact the Ontario Public Health Authority; and b) contact the Church office. Your identity will not be revealed to anyone other than the Public Health Authority, and only to ensure that any spread is contained.