

Frequently Asked Questions about using the Church during COVID-19

Can my Grace Group / Committee meet at the church?

Yes, but first you must contact the church Administrator, complete and sign a User's Agreement and book a room, date and time frame. You are also required to communicate the COVID-19 safety protocols to each member of your group and everyone must comply with the safety protocols and all Federal, Provincial and Municipal COVID-19 guidelines.

What is important to remember when at the church during COVID-19?

Some important things to remember for the safety of yourself and others include:

1. Follow all local, Provincial and Federal COVID-19 protocols
2. Before leaving home self-assess for fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, generally feeling unwell
3. Stay home if symptomatic.
4. Clean hands on entry and exit
5. Wear a mask at all times when in the building
6. Practice respiratory etiquette (cough or sneeze into elbow or a tissue)
7. Stagger entry to maintain 2 metre distance
8. Maintain 2 metre distance at all times
9. The group or committee Facilitator must complete a record of attendance which will be kept for potential contact tracing by Public Health. These will be stored in the church office. Please leave it in the office mail slot outside the outer office after your session is over.
10. Do NOT use the kitchenette
11. Perform the required cleaning / disinfecting protocol as outlined in the Terms of Use Agreement before leaving
12. Do NOT linger anywhere on church property to socialize.
13. Please ensure you leave at the designated time.
14. Do NOT access the church office. Communicate with the church office by email or phone ONLY

Do I have to wear a mask?

Yes, according to the [Region of Halton Mandatory Mask By-Law](#), wearing a mask is mandatory while indoors in a public place, including a church, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 to yourself and others. One exception is during a fitness class while in your distanced space, when a mask is optional. A mask must be worn while entering and exiting the fitness class.

Why do I have to sign in when I arrive at the church?

This is required for your health and safety, to ensure that your contact information is available for follow up by Public Health in case you were exposed to someone who is found to be positive for COVID-19 and was at the church during an event you attended.

Where do I put my coat?

The coat room is closed. Place your coat and purse over your chair to minimize your risks. Do not place on common surfaces such as tables or countertops.

Can I move or relocate the chairs?

The chairs have been pre-set up to comply with the required 2 metre distancing. If chairs and/or tables are moved or set up, they must be returned to their original location following the event. A 2 metre pole has been provided for the user to ensure 2 metre distancing is maintained.

Can I consume coffee/drink and food while in the church?

Shared food or drink are NOT permitted. If you bring your own, you may remove your mask to consume it while sitting at a 2 metre distance from others. Put your mask back on when finished. Please take any cups or waste home with you. Use of hand sanitizer before removing a mask, before eating and before putting a mask back on is recommended.

Will washrooms be available?

Yes, however plan ahead to reduce the need for washroom use. Washroom entry is 1 person only to maintain 2 metre distance.

Where are the disinfectant supplies and cleaning checklists located?

They are located on the main floor on top of the counter adjacent to the kitchenette and in the loft. Please leave the cleaning checklist in the mail box outside the outer church office when completed.