

Dear CIF Family,

Safety is our primary concern and a provincial mandate during the COVID pandemic. While we must follow the minimum provincial mandate the Pacific Mountain Regional Council (PMRC) encourages us to set higher standards of safety.

We will continue to follow COVID protocols below. These include:

- All people enter through the Annex door by the office to allow preparation of an attendance contact list;
- People will be reminded not to enter if they are feeling ill or have any Covid symptoms;
- Masks must be worn on entry and for the duration of the service or any other activity.
Exemptions from wearing a mask include:
 - a) a visitor who is less than 12 years of age;
 - b) a visitor who is unable to wear a face covering because of (i) a psychological, behavioural or health condition, or (ii) a physical, cognitive or mental impairment;
 - c) a visitor who is unable to put on or remove a face covering without the assistance of another person;
 - d) if the face covering is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the visitor wearing it;
 - e) when the visitor is consuming food or drink, while seated, in a designated location on our premises when we re-open TUC to that level of activity;
 - f) while communicating with a person for whom visual cues, facial expressions, lip-reading or lip movements are essential;
 - g) a visitor is delivering a presentation or lecture and there is a minimum of two metres separating the visitor and others present.
- Hand-sanitize on entry
- In the sanctuary people will sit behind the green tape markers in pews to ensure social distancing
- Only the socially distanced pianist and worship leader will be able to sing (you can sing softly with your mask on)
- Responsive readings will only be done by the worship leaders
- If mics are shared they will be wiped each time with sanitizing wipes
- There can be no gathering within or outside the church after the service unless people are socially distanced (2m or 6 ft.)
- Coffee hour will resume after guidance by the Pacific Regional Council
- Communion must be by Single Serve portions
- No-Contact donation methods will be available for Offerings

NOTE FROM PMRC:

Provincial **Vaccine Passport requirements** must be met for ALL church activities except the “essential” services. “**Essential**” services include worship services (and wedding and funeral services – but not receptions). Our Food Bank and some renters, like AA and REDUN, provide “**Non-discretionary**” services which do not require Vaccine Passports, however, masks and distancing are highly encouraged. All other renters and users of our facilities must meet the Vaccine Passport requirements and are responsible for monitoring their people’s compliance.

Our CIFPC policy states that our employees and volunteers who provide the “non-discretionary” (“essential”) services must meet these vaccine requirements in order to serve the clients who may or may not be vaccinated.

On Behalf of the CIF Emergency Committee:

