

CIF Emergency Response Committee COVID-19 Protocols as of March 16, 2022

NOTE: Although some restrictions are being lifted provincially, we must be mindful that the Omicron BA.2 variant is currently surging in a number of countries and there may be a future wave of COVID.

Protocols:

- **Vaccine passports** for group meetings not required after April 8 (provincial regulations)
- There are **no size restrictions** for groups, however we will continue to remain socially distanced whenever possible, and in the Sanctuary
- **Masks**
 - To be worn in the Sanctuary during worship
 - Staff should continue to wear masks when out of office, but can remove them when working behind plexiglass barrier
 - It is important to model mask wearing to the public
- People must use **hand sanitizer** when entering the building
- **Cleaning protocols** per Covid regulations to continue since it is now known that omicron lingers on surfaces longer than previous variants
- **Sunday Services**
 - Continue to enter through Annex door; hand sanitize
 - Greeter with short list of questions, e.g. Welcome, how are you feeling? (to remind people to self-monitor symptoms)
 - Attendance lists not required
- **Coffee time** following Sunday services
 - Will begin after the next UCW meeting in April
 - Coffee/baking items will be served (no self-serve)
- **Foodbank:**
 - participants can continue to sit and have coffee and cookies
 - masks not required for participants. However, if they seem ill they will be asked to wear a mask just for that day, or can have groceries brought upstairs for them
 - Entry will continue to be through the w/c access door
 - Volunteers to wear masks
 - Volunteers without vaccination can resume helping after April 8th. Must remain masked.
- **Downtown Dinners** – won't have one in person until at least May
- **Funerals** – no size restrictions but will ask participants to wear masks. This needs to be communicated to Rev. Sue and Alternatives
- **Funeral Receptions** – will be allowed after April 8 but need to make participants aware of the risks. Recommend wearing of masks. If UCW are serving they should wear masks.
- Continue to have **signs** on all doors that say "If you are ill, stay home"; masks not essential but encouraged
- **Renters**
 - Organizations that have a policy re Covid protocols will continue to mandate those for their participants.
 - Renter groups will be asked to update their current safety plans and submit them to the office
 - Volunteers in our Church organizations will follow our protocols