

## Westend Community Church COVID-19 Guidelines

We will be holding two services every Sunday– 9:00 am & 11:00 am.

We must remain within the 50 person group gathering limit per room so we have asked you all to sign up for one service or the other. This is just so we know who will be coming to each service – and so we can limit attendance in a service once it is full.

(Just so there is no confusion, we are allowed to have 50 people in a room if they can reasonably social distance. That mean we can have 50 in the sanctuary and 25 upstairs).

o For the foreseeable future, you must call or text Pastor Myron or Pastor Matt to sign up sometime during the week. When you call, please provide us with the number in your family that will be attending, and which service you would prefer to attend- children are of course more than welcome. But don't wait too long because these services will be on a "first come first serve" basis – however if both services fill quickly, we will consider other options as well.

o Please wash your hands prior to leaving for Church Sunday morning.

o If you would feel more comfortable coming to church with a mask, please don't hesitate. We won't be able to provide any masks but you are more than welcome to bring one from home.

o If you have any cold or flu symptoms, or if you have been in close contact with someone suspected of having Covid-19 within the last 14 days, we must ask that you not attend church services.

### **The following restrictions will be in place on-site for Sunday morning:**

1. Please observe physical distancing (6ft between people whenever possible). There will be physical guidelines on the walkway outside, as well as inside the building. We are only going to be using the front entrance so if you see a family entering the church, please stay back until the way is clear for you to enter.
2. When you arrive, there will be an usher to greet you and hold the door for you.
3. Once inside the building, we ask that you immediately head to one of the hand sanitizing stations and spray your hands.
4. Please refrain from handshakes, hugs, holy kisses, foot-washing :) etc..., and any other unnecessary physical contact with those outside your family group.
5. Every second row of chairs in the sanctuary will be blocked off; each row that is available is for family groups. If you are attending a service with extended family that you regularly spend time with, it is encouraged that you share a row to make as much space available to others as possible.
6. We will not be receiving an offering during the service – there will be a basket at the back of the sanctuary for this purpose.
7. Considering our washrooms, we would ask that the people sitting upstairs use the ones upstairs. The downstairs washrooms and the handicap washroom on the main floor will be reserved for the people sitting on the main floor.

8. The nursery will not operate as usual – however, each of the Sunday School rooms and the nursery will be available, with a one-family limit on each room. If you need to use a room for you and a child (or children), the doors will be open – please only use the rooms with open doors. Once you have used the room, please close the door as you leave. This will indicate to our cleaners that they can clean that room to be ready for use in the next service and will let others know to use another room. Also, please note that the toys have been taken out of the nursery for the time being.

9. We will need those who attend the 9:00 am service to leave in a timely fashion so we can prepare the church for the second service, and so we can also avoid undue physical distancing and occupancy issues with people coming and going at the same time between services.

10. If you plan to attend the 11:00 am service, please do not plan to be here at the church until 10:45 am at the earliest, to give us time to disinfect, and also give those attending the earlier service time to leave the building.

If you are uneasy about attending church, or if you are uniquely susceptible to communicable disease, it is not our intention in any way to coerce you into attending; we will continue to make the service available online as we have in the past. Although there are certainly some changes to how church will “look”, compared to what we knew as normal, I am pretty excited to be able to tell you that we can meet together.