

## **COVID-19 Prevention Measures**

**The following must be adhered to at all times:**

- 1. Proper Masking at all times before, during and after the service. The mask must be worn above the nose and below the chin at all times. The only exception is the Pastor when he is within his designated area and the praise team/soloists behind the plexiglass barriers.**
- 2. Maintain Social Distancing (2m - 6 ft.) at all times. Ensure there are 3 chairs between you and those not in your household or social bubble.**
- 3. Proper Hand Sanitization - sanitize hands when entering and again when exiting the building.**
- 4. Congregation will be dismissed in sections to allow for social distancing.**
- 5. Do not come to church if you are sick in any way. Even if you think it's a cold. IF you have tested positive for COVID-19 do not come to church. Contact the Pastor or your Elder as soon as possible so that we can inform the health unit and implement the appropriate COVID-19 response measures.**
- 6. If you or anyone in your household is required to self-isolate - for everyone's safety no one in your household should attend church during this time of self-isolation.**
- 7. Someone will greet you when you arrive for worship service and will log you in. Visitors will also be logged in and their contact information recorded.**
- 8. During worship service we will scan the sanctuary via video to better know where everyone is seated. We also ask everyone to make note of where you are seated and those seated near you.**
- 9. No handshaking and or fist bumping.**
- 10. Members entering the church at any time other than during Sunday morning worship service must record their name and date into a log available at the church entrance. Likewise any visitors to the church outside of Worship Service must enter their name and contact information into this log.**
- 11. No congregational singing at this time.**
- 12. All microphones will be wiped down between users**

**Additional measures listed below will be taken to coincide with Brant County's Status as per the Ontario Government's COVID 19 Response Framework**

### **GREEN PREVENT**

- Praise team/Soloists with proper distancing and plexiglass barriers.
- Communion only if COVID protocols are followed.
- Limit the length of worship service – one hour or less.
- Sunday School after sermon with COVID protocols in place.
- Consistory meetings will be done in person with all COVID protocols in place.
- Youth Group to meet with all COVID protocols in place. Social gathering limits will apply.
- The microphone will be wiped after each person has completed their prayer request. No one should touch or hold the microphone except the person assigned to carry the microphone to you.
- Coffee Hour - outdoors preferable as weather permits - social distancing and masks required. Social gathering limits will apply.

### **YELLOW PROTECT**

- Praise team/Soloists with proper distancing and plexiglass barriers.
- Communion only if COVID protocols are followed.
- Limit the length of worship service – one hour or less.
- Sunday School after sermon with COVID protocols in place.
- Consistory meetings will be done in person with all COVID protocols in place.
- Youth Group to meet with all COVID protocols in place. Social gathering limits will apply.
- The microphone will be wiped after each person has completed their prayer request. No one should touch or hold the microphone except the person assigned to carry the microphone to you.
- Coffee Hour - outdoors preferable as weather permits - social distancing and masks required. Social gathering limits will apply.

### **ORANGE RESTRICT**

- Praise Team/Soloists with proper distancing and plexiglass barrier.
- Communion only if COVID protocols are followed.
- Limit the service to 60 minutes.
- Sunday School after sermon with COVID protocols in place.
- Consistory meetings will be done in person with all COVID protocols in place.
- Youth Group to meet with all COVID protocols in place. Social gathering limits will apply.
- No RCW or Women's Coffee Hour.
- The microphone will be wiped after each person has completed their prayer request. No one should touch or hold the microphone except the person assigned to carry the microphone to you.
- Coffee hour - *outdoors only* as weather permits - social distancing required. Social gathering limits will apply. Bring your own lawn chairs, coffee and goodies. Washrooms available as needed.

## **RED CONTROL**

- Praise Team/Soloists with proper distancing and plexiglass barrier
- No communion in the sanctuary – could be virtual.
- Limit the length of time indoors – shorten the service to 50 minutes.
- Sunday School to coincide with School Board (i.e. schools closed means no Sunday school)
- Consistory meetings virtual.
- Youth Group to meet virtually.
- No RCW or Women's Coffee Hour.
- The microphone will be wiped after each person has completed their prayer request. No one should touch or hold the microphone except the person assigned to carry the microphone to you.
- No Coffee Hour.

## **GREY LOCKDOWN**

### **10 PEOPLE TOTAL AT SERVICE**

- Must preregister to attend the service.
- Masking mandatory – no exceptions.
- No praise team.
- Virtual communion only.
- Limit the length of time indoors preferably less than 30 minutes.
- Consistory meetings done virtually.
- Youth Group to meet virtually.
- No RCW or Women's Coffee Hour.
- Prayer requests to be communicated to Pastor Stephen via email, phone call.
- No Coffee Hour.
- Encourage all to worship virtually.

## **COVID-19 Response Measures**

**If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and have attended worship service or entered the church in any of the previous two weeks before diagnosis please contact Pastor Stephen or your Elder.**

**When we learn of a case of COVID-19 in a member or visitor and if they have attended church service in any of the two weeks prior to this the following actions will take place:**

*\*\*Note: If the member or visitor has not attended in the prior two weeks no action will take place.\*\**

1. The Congregation will be informed of the case with the following information:
  - A. The name of the member or visitor if they agree to have their name shared. This will allow everyone to know if they were in close contact with this individual.
  - B. The date the individual tested positive.
  - C. The most recent date they were present at church.
  - D. The location they were sitting at during each service and any added details that may be important.
2. Visitor logs for the previous two weeks will be reviewed and visitors will be contacted.
3. The member or visitor who tested positive shall not attend worship services until cleared by the Health Unit .
4. Any member that was in close contact to the case at church whether sitting in the same area or interacted with before or after service - regardless of symptoms or not is asked to stay home for a period of two weeks.
5. Any member that was not in close contact at church or worship service, but in close contact outside of the church service (e.g. social gathering, meeting) regardless of symptoms or not is asked to stay home for a period of two weeks.
6. The greatest impact of COVID is the vulnerable and elderly (70+) those members are encouraged to worship virtually for a period of 2 weeks after a member or visitor has tested positive.

**The presence of a case does not mean that everyone has been exposed. Jerry Wiersma, Guido Groeliker, and Pastor Stephen will consult with the Brant County Health Unit and forward their recommendations to the congregation and visitors.**

**If there are a larger number of cases present and if the Brant County Health Unit declares an outbreak, we will follow all the restrictions and recommendations of the Health Unit. This could potentially mean conducting all worship services and activities virtually until it is safe to resume at church. The Consistory will notify all members of these actions.**