

## Managing COVID-19 at Seraph EFC

- 1) The Church is a place of worship, prayer and refuge.
- 2) Unless there is a community-based infection and gathering of over a certain number of participants is prohibited by a new Manitoba Public Health Order, Sunday services at Seraph will proceed at the regular time in the chapel in the new wing of WEFC.
- 3) Wearing of face masks will be mandatory for all attendees who are over 2 years old. If you do not have a face mask, one will be provided to you. Reusable, washable face masks can be requested from Pastor Nathan.
- 4) Servers (Worship team, Scripture reader, Room Set-up, Usher, Greeter, Projection, Audio) who cannot participate on any given Sundays, please kindly inform Jay.
- 5) All attendees will be reminded to self-monitor prior to coming to church or fellowship gatherings. If you are unable to self-monitor, please have an usher scan you prior to entry to the chapel.
- 6) The seating spots of all attendees will be noted weekly so attendees can be immediately notified in the event of an attendee testing positive for COVID-19 at a later date.
- 7) Microphones, music stands, tech equipment will be wiped down with 70% alcohol after use.
- 8) Doors to Chapel may need to be propped open during service or classes to avoid multiple handling of doorknobs or handlebars. Audio may need to be turned to a higher volume. Doorknobs and handlebars will be wiped down at the end of the day.
- 9) Hand washing can be done in the sink in the kitchen attached to the chapel or in the general washroom. A soap dispenser will be placed by the sink so attendees can wash their hands as needed. Before washing hands, dispense the required paper towel. After hand wash, grab the paper towel to dry your hands. Then use the same paper towel to turn off the water. Alternatively, use your elbow to turn off the tap.
- 10) For collection of tithes and offerings, ushers wearing gloves will walk around with baskets for the congregation to place their tithes/offerings into. Baskets will not be passed around. Collected envelopes/cash will be placed into a plastic bag for the treasurer/designate.
- 11) For communion, recipients of both the bread and cup will be called by sections/rows to walk up to the assistants while maintaining physical distancing.
- 12) Sunday School: Classes will be suspended temporarily. Children are invited to attend Sunday gatherings. Parents of Sunday School children not attending Seraph are to be notified of precautionary measures that will be taken to keep everyone safe. Drivers of Sunday School children are to verify with parents that children are healthy prior to scheduled pick-up.
- 13) Fellowship gatherings (in the park): People who are sick would be encouraged and asked to stay home; potlucks would be disbanded; people would be encouraged to eat beforehand or to bring their meals to eat during the fellowship if they haven't had a chance to eat.
- 14) If you have returned from international travel by air or by land, please download the [ArriveCAN](#) app AND self-quarantine for 14 days, monitoring yourselves for symptoms suggestive of respiratory infection. Symptoms are listed as follows: fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, weakness, headache, difficulty breathing. Please refer to the Public Health Agency of Canada's [website](#) for the latest updates.
- 15) If any of the symptoms applies to you, please contact [Health Links/Info Sante](#) at **204-788-8200** or toll-free **1-888-315-9257** to determine if testing for COVID-19 should be considered. In cases where testing is not recommended, you should self-isolate until you are well. You will need to inform everyone living with you at your location to self-isolate and have active daily monitoring. Only active cases will be tested by the Health Authorities.
- 16) As per all requests to the PCC, any request for aid will be vetted and then communicated to congregation/members of Seraph to see who can help. The PCC will help coordinate and match people up with anyone who would like to volunteer from our church.