

The Church's COVID-19 team have deliberated on our guidelines and are starting to think about how we can live with COVID over the next few months. The Church guidelines below are in general alignment with the BC COVID-19 guidelines and take a more gradual approach as suggested by the members of FUCV in the survey. We will continue to follow provincial guidelines and aim to keep the vast majority of the congregation happy. For up-to-date changes please follow the guidelines in the EWeekly rather than the Newsletter.

1. Worship services. All services are now hybrid, available in person in the Sanctuary and the family friendly Lion Lounge, or by Zoom. There are no capacity limits, no registration, and no vaccine mandates. Please respect others' comfort levels for social distancing and mask wearing.

2. Masks. We will continue wearing masks during services in the Sanctuary, but masks are optional in the Lion Hall. Masks may be temporarily removed by officiants, readers or for singing a solo. Microphone covers, which we use when speakers remove their masks, should be used as long as we continue wearing masks.

3. Groups. Committees, groups, teams, and choirs in rehearsal may gather in the church or elsewhere, masked or unmasked, at the discretion of the group.

4. Singing. For Sunday morning services, the choir and the congregation may sing with masks.

5. Air Circulation. The Lion Hall, Farmhouse Common room and office have HEPA filters installed for air circulation. The HEPA filters should not be used in these locations when the windows or doors are open. The sanctuary's two heat pumps will circulate outside air every 20 minutes; it is important to keep the windows closed for proper circulation.

6. If Symptomatic. Anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or who has symptoms of COVID should not participate in small group activities in person and should not come to the Sanctuary or Lion Hall. The BC Centre for Disease Control has more information on self-isolation and self-monitoring at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation>. Basically, the isolation rules vary depending on whether you actually had a positive Covid test, your age, whether people are fully vaccinated or not, and whether you are fully vaccinated.

7. Children's and Youth's Programs. Children's and youth's programs have resumed. Contact Anna Isaacs for details.

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