



## Updated changes to COVID-19 Worship Guidelines at Hosanna as of July 8, 2021

The Alberta government has now instituted their stage three opening protocols. Hosanna has decided to stage their reopening in an effort to protect our members, many of whom are part of the most vulnerable population. We think these updated guidelines offer a reasonable compromise between being fully open and protecting our members. We will continue to evaluate the situation over the summer and adjust as necessary. Live Streaming will continue as normal.

- All attendees will be expected to follow signage about health, healthy practises, and safety measures.
- If you do not feel well, please stay home.
- We have increased our seating capacity so pre-registration is no longer required.
- Every worship attendee is expected to sign-in upon arrival in the Hosanna building. These lists will be kept in the office to ensure we can communicate with those who attended in case of a COVID-19 outbreak.
- Each worship attendee will be required to wear a mask while within the church building. Staff/ worship leaders will not wear masks while leading in worship but will ensure good hand hygiene practises are followed.
- Gathering for fellowship will be encouraged **outside** to maintain good social distancing.
- If more attendees arrive for service than can be accommodated in the Sanctuary, they will be invited to social distance in the social room and watch the service via our livestream. If for any reason the Sanctuary and Social Room are filled to safe capacity, then people will be turned away at the door for the health of everyone.
- Congregational responses and singing will now be allowed; however, masks must still be worn (with the exception of worship leaders while at the front).
- There will be limited sharing of the peace.
- There will be no passing of the offering plate. Practise for receiving offering will be like Lenten practise where plates are left near the entrance to the Sanctuary.
- Holy Communion will be offered on major festivals and on the last Sunday of the month. We will continue to use the individual pre-filled communion cups and people will commune these at their seats.
- Outdoor worship, weather permitting, will be offered for the remainder of the summer on Wednesday evenings at 7:00.