

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
PROTOCOL UPDATES
(As at April 21, 2022)

Since the initial re-opening on July 11, 2021, followed by the shutdown on December 23, 2021, and re-opening again on March 20, 2022, we continue to be pleased with how well the in-person services are being received as the attendance continues to increase each Sunday. We are thankful that all those attending continue to do their best to follow the protocols. As the Ad Hoc Re-opening Committee and Council continue to prayerfully consider the safety and well being of our staff, congregation, renters and those associated with Outreach Programs, we continued to move cautiously to adjust to achieving stabilization and in-person capacity in a safe and thoughtful manner.

The Chinook Winds Region is beginning to proceed with in-person activity, commencing with the Chinook Winds Regional Council In-Person and Online Meeting, May 5 – 8, 2022 in Red Deer, Alberta, and in view of this initiative, we have recommended to Council, and they have agreed, that we proceed with lifting most of the protocol restrictions, and allow individuals to make their own choices based on their circumstances. Although we understand and respect that not everyone is comfortable returning to in-person worship or other St. Andrew's activities, we have made the decision to gather in-person to share hope, healing, and recovery.

The Ad Hoc Re-opening Committee and Council ask that we all respect the comfort level of others as we journey together on further re-opening.

MOTHER'S DAY GALA – MAY 7, 2022

The Ad Hoc Re-opening Committee met April 21, 2022 to prayerfully consider whether this event should be in person or virtual. Appreciating that there will be folks who would prefer for the event to be virtual, there are an equal number who would prefer in person. In that light, the Ad Hoc Re-opening Committee recommended, and Council agreed, to proceed with an in-person event and allow individuals to determine whether they feel comfortable attending in person. To strive to ensure the well-being of attendees, all attendees are encouraged to wear masks while not eating; and servers all wear masks and gloves.

IN PERSON WORSHIP

- If you test positive for Covid-19, or are not feeling well, please stay home until you test negative and are feeling better.
- Youth and children 12 and over are encouraged to wear a mask.
- Sanitizer will be available in several locations in the Narthex and Sanctuary.
- Coffee Fellowship will commence May 1, 2022.
- Registration of congregants attending worship services discontinued.

Service

- No Passing the Peace.
- Communion – a safe single service communion will be offered for a further interim period.
- Offering plates will be located at the back of the sanctuary and offerings can be left in the offering plates upon entering the Sanctuary.
- No bulletins for a further interim period.
- Services will continue to be available on Facebook.
- Youth are welcome to attend the in-person services to worship with their family, provided that the family cohort is maintained, and parents are encouraged to bring an activity for the younger children to keep them engaged during the service.

Cleaning / Disinfecting

- The Narthex, upstairs washroom, and Sanctuary will be cleaned prior to Sunday services.
- Following the service, and prior to the following service, the cleaning will be repeated, and all touch points disinfected.

STAFF and SEND

- If you test positive for Covid-19, or are not feeling well, please stay home until you test negative and are feeling better.
- Enter at the West Entrance, (note that the West Entrance registration discontinued).
- Ensure that the West Entrance is locked prior when leaving the building.
- Masks are encouraged.
- Staff and SEND will continue to be responsible to clean and sanitize all touch points before leaving the facility and completing the cleaning log in the West entrance

SMALL GROUPS, RENTERS, HELPING HANDS, OUTREACH PROGRAMS ALL OFFICES AND MEETING LOCATIONS

- If you test positive for Covid-19, or are not feeling well, please stay home until you test negative and are feeling better.
- **St. Andrew's small groups please ensure space is available by communicating with the office via e-mail.**
- Enter at the East Entrance, (note that the East Entrance registration for St. Andrew's discontinued).
- Ensure that the East Entrance is locked prior when leaving the building.
- Masks are encouraged.
- Small Groups, Renters, and Outreach programs will continue to be responsible to clean and sanitize all touch points before leaving the facility and completing the cleaning logs in the Main Hall, Sanctuary, Youth Room, Kitchen, and Lower Hall.

KITCHEN

- If you test positive for Covid-19, or are not feeling well, please stay home until you test negative and are feeling better.
- Enter at the East Entrance, (The East Entrance shall be the only entry and exit point and the Kitchen Lead Person must ensure that the East Entrance Door is locked when leaving).
- Masks are encouraged.
- Clean and sanitize all touch points in the Kitchen and complete the sign off on the Cleaning Log located in the Kitchen.

Helping Hands

- Masks are encouraged.
- At least one person utilizing the Kitchen must have their AHS Alberta Food Safety Basics Food Handling Permit and must be present in the Kitchen when preparing meals.
- All prepared meals can either be stored in the Kitchen refrigerator or downstairs freezer, however, must be removed the following day of preparation.

- All garbage must be taken out by Helping Hands when leaving the Church and deposited in the St. Andrew's bin outside.
- Clean and sanitize all touch points in the Kitchen and complete the sign off on the Cleaning Log located in the Kitchen.
- SAUC scheduled activities will take priority on the availability of the Kitchen and SAUC will work with Helping Hands to facilitate alternate Meal Team preparation days and times as required. In the event of a St. Andrew's conflict, Helping Hands will be advised and arrangements will be made to change the Helping Hands date and time.
- Helping Hands to **provide proof of insurance to the SAUC office in conjunction with a rental agreement.**

**PLEASE RESPECT THE COMFORT LEVEL OF OTHERS AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER
ON FURTHER RE-OPENING.**

BE KIND, BE CALM, BE SAFE