

# St. Andrew's Streetsville

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## Reopening Plan During the COVID-19 Pandemic ... *at a glance*

**Thinking about coming back to St. Andrew's sanctuary?** We know ... there is a lot to think about. So let's get started and together we will work together keeping each other well.

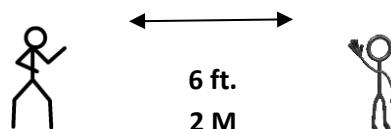
**Reserve your spot!** When you are ready to come back to the Church building, **telephone or email the Church office and give us your name(s) and telephone number. Please do this by noon the Friday before the Sunday gathering you plan to attend.** Names will be verified as we enter the Church so if your plans to attend change, that is not a problem. Doors open at 10:10 am and close at 10:45 am.

The four most important things that we each need to do:

1. Keep our distance from one another - at least 2 meters or 6 feet.
2. Wear a mask indoors in a public space as required by a Mississauga City bylaw; put the mask on before we enter and keep it on until we are outside the building.
3. Keep our hands clean using soap and water or hand sanitizer,
4. Stay home when we are not well, have symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, or are awaiting test results. Stay at home as well when in contact with anyone who has the virus or is waiting for COVID-19 test results. Remember, after contact, symptoms can take up to 14 days to show up. **A self-assessment for COVID-19 signs and symptoms is posted on the Church entry doors. Please do this assessment and follow the instructions before you enter.**

### **1. Physical distance either 2 meters or 6 feet.** Here is what we are doing to help?

- Markings on the sidewalks and Church floors are a reminder not to get too close. We recognize that up to 5 people who live in the same household do not need physical distance from each other,
- Limited entrances and exits. Enter through either the North side (kitchen) door or the courtyard door,
- Giving you your own key when using the lift - one person or family group at a time. Wipes will be in the lift so please wipe down touched surfaces,
- Entry to the sanctuary is by the North inner door,
- Use the centre aisle to go to a pew. Every other pew will be used and the markings within the pew or an usher will show you where to sit. First into the pew, move right across to the wall side. The first two pews will be vacant so the pastor can preach at a safe distance. He will not wear a mask,
- Leave by the outer aisles - on the South side (cemetery side) through the Fireside room to the stairs or the lift. On the North or manse side, leave through the door and go to the lift or the stairs,
- Greeters & usher will be there to remind us and to assist with physical distancing and any concerns.



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### 2. Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth

- Put on your own mask before you enter the Church and take it off after you leave. Forget yours! We'll have some. For people who cannot wear a mask for health reasons, we do understand,
- Try not to touch your mask once it is on and if you cough or sneeze turn into your elbow,
- Sanitize your hands before you put on or take off your mask.

### 3. Clean hands ... an important part of keeping COVID-19 under control

- Soap and water and the 15 second scrub is the best but not always possible,
- Alcohol based hand sanitizer will 'do the trick'. After we touch surfaces, we need to sanitize. Yep! We also need to rub for 15 seconds when using sanitizer and let it air dry.
- Hand sanitizers with more than 60% ethanol alcohol are available throughout the Church,
- Do not touch your face or your mask if your hands are not clean.

### 4. Feeling unwell - Please do not come to church.

- Do not come if you have been in contact with someone who has symptoms or someone who is waiting for COVID-19 test results or if you are waiting for test results,
- Not sure... take the self- assessment at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/> before you decide to attend the service. We can also send you a copy. Just let us know.

## And what does it mean ... we will not be sharing

- All Bibles, Psalters and Hymnals have been removed from the pews and placed in storage - words will be projected on the screen,
- Bulletins are available on line or by email only,
- On communion Sundays, we will bring our own bread and juice/wine,
- Offering plates will not be passed but will be on a table as you enter the sanctuary and at the back of the sanctuary as well,
- We will not make physical contact such as shaking hands or hugging - perhaps a wave or smiling eyes will be enough for now,
- Wearing a jacket, coat or sweater ... please take it with you to your seat,
- Coffee/tea time - on hold until we have defeated this virus or at least have it under control.

## What else are we doing?

We will not be singing at this time.

In addition, the Church will be cleaned with special attention to disinfecting surface areas that are touched often. We follow the cleaning guidelines available from the government and the Public Health Dept.

We have a 11 page COVID-19 pandemic plan with all the details. Please let us know if you would like a copy and we can email or send you a copy. Do you have questions or suggestions ... contact us through your elder or Church office.

This is... *at a glance* what we are doing to keep each of us safe and well at St. Andrew's during the COVID-19 pandemic. We need your help in being careful and following the guidelines and we thank you in advance for doing so.