

Places of Worship



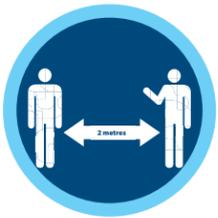
- ✓ Be aware of the most current, credible public health information/recommendations. For detailed guidance for Places of Worship review [Ontario's COVID-19 public health measures and advice](#).
- ✓ Consider establishing and maintaining a COVID-19 safety plan for businesses/organizations which outline the steps taken to protect staff and the public against COVID-19 within the facility. For more details visit the Durham Region Health Department's [Safety Plan Template](#), [COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan Checklist](#) and the Province's document [Develop Your COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan](#).



Consider posting signs at all entrances directing those who are ill to not enter. Advise staff and the public to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in **close contact** with anyone who has been sick with the virus.



Consider offering alternate method of services (e.g. virtual services, drive-in services)



Consider physical distancing whenever possible.



Encourage all businesses and organizations to establish and implement their own COVID-19 vaccination policy.



Consider having properly stocked hand sanitizer stations at the entrance and throughout the premises for everyone to sanitize their hands.



Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces/equipment frequently. Encourage cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces at least once a day and when visibly dirty. Use only disinfectants that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) approved by [Health Canada](#) and follow the manufacturer's direction regarding contact time.



Encourage mask use for indoor public spaces. Masks are still required for select indoor settings including long-term care homes and retirement homes, subject to limited exemptions.



Limit the number of individuals who have contact with shared/distributed materials/objects (e.g. books, communion, microphones, prayer mats, passing candles, etc.). Clean and disinfect shared items as frequently as necessary.



Singing, choirs, playing of brass/wind instruments are permitted. If singers and choirs are performing, or brass/wind instruments are being used, 2 metres physical distancing is encouraged to be maintained from spectators. If singing is performed amongst the congregation, masks are encouraged.



Consider implementing passive screening for all individuals entering the premises. For detailed guidance on screening, visit the Ministry of Health's [Ontario COVID-19 Screening](#).