

# Guidelines for Places of Worship

- ✓ Places of worship are permitted to operate at a maximum of 30% capacity for any particular room where the wedding, funeral, services, rites or ceremonies are being held.
- ✓ Outdoor ceremonies and services are limited to 100 attendees.
- ✓ Indoor receptions/events/meetings are limited to 50 attendees per meeting/event room with physical distancing maintained. Outdoor receptions/events/meetings are limited to 100 attendees. For more guidance visit the Province's document [Guidance for professional meeting and event facilities during COVID-19](#).



Stay home if you're sick.



All individuals, including children, employees and volunteers, should be screened prior to entry, each day they attend services. Post signage at entrance and throughout the facility.



Maintain a record of all individuals who attend services or enter the facility (including names, contact information, dates and times) for contact tracing.



Recommend vulnerable individuals take part in virtual or drive-in services or offer a dedicated service for them.



Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue in the garbage and practice hand hygiene; if tissue is not available, sneeze into your sleeve or arm.



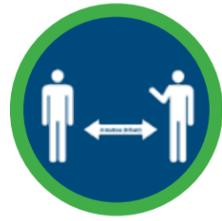
Avoid touching the face (eyes, nose and mouth).



Ensure properly stocked and frequently cleaned and disinfected handwash and/or hand sanitizer stations are made available at the entrance and throughout the facility for everyone to wash/sanitize their hands as required (e.g. prior to sharing/distribution of materials/objects, etc.).



Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces/equipment and washrooms at least twice daily while in operation and after every religious service.



Maintain physical distancing by keeping 2 metres (6 feet) apart between all individuals not in the same household or social circle.



Ensure seating allows for 2 metres (6 feet) physical distancing between families or social circles (e.g. using every other row, rearrange seating, remove seating, mark unavailable).



The use of non-medical face mask is recommended where physical distancing is not possible or difficult to maintain during weddings, funerals, services, rites or ceremonies. For social gatherings (e.g. meeting, events, etc.) a non-medical mask/face covering is mandatory for all attendees.



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 after use or not reuse immediately.



Social gatherings before or after in-person services, including those where food and drink are shared are subject to public gathering limits, and physical distancing as required. Public gathering limits are different than the limits permitted for religious services, rites, and ceremonies.



Singing, choirs, playing of brass/wind instruments are strongly discouraged. Anyone singing or playing wind/brass instruments should be 2 metres from anyone else outside their household/social circle. An impermeable barrier is highly recommended.



Any childcare and children's programming should operate in a manner consistent with the [Ministry of Health's COVID Guidance: Summer Day Camps](#) (e.g. cohorting, masking, room separation for different cohorts, etc.).



Be aware of the most current, credible public health information/recommendations. For detailed guidance for Places of Worship visit the Ministry of Health's document [COVID-19 Advice: Religious Services, Rites or Ceremonies](#).