

TBC COVID GUIDELINES - Revised Oct 2020

These guidelines are posted on our website.

TBC guidelines are based on the following health guideline documents issued by the Alberta Government:

- *Places of Worship*
- *Day Camps*
- *Indoor Events*
- *Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation*

ALL EVENTS:

1. Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19, individuals who have travelled internationally in the last 14 days, & individuals who have been in close contact with confirmed COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days are prohibited by law from entering the building.

If you are not feeling well or are experiencing cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat, please do not attend.

Please refer to the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool (www.alberta.ca/covid19)

2. Attendance will be taken for the purposes of contact tracing should a case of COVID-19 be identified among our attendees. By attending you are consenting to the collection of your name & phone number for this purpose only. This information will be kept on site & will be destroyed two weeks after it is collected.

3. Entrance to the building will be at the front doors only. Direction for the flow of people has been clearly marked.

4. When you enter the building, you are asked to sanitize your hands. Stations have been set up in multiple places around the main level of the church.

5. You are not required to wear a mask but you may wish to. We encourage you to bring your own mask if you would like to wear one.

6. Attendees are free to remain after to visit with each other. We ask that distancing guidelines be followed at all times while in the building. Please keep in mind that those around you may not have the same level of comfort as you. Be courteous & respectful of others by maintaining proper distancing.

7. Indoor ministry gatherings outside of Sunday worship services are limited to a maximum of 50 people.

8. Food/Drink may not be offered in buffet/self service options. If serving food, it will be distributed by a server. Food servers should wash or sanitize hands immediately before serving and should wear a mask. Or individual packages will be handed out.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:

1. Singing is still not recommended by health authorities so it is preferred that you do not sing during the worship service. We encourage humming. If you choose to still sing, please wear a mask.

2. The offering plates will be set by the exit doors to the sanctuary. You may deposit your offerings as you go past. The debit machine is available in the foyer if you wish to give in that way. Online giving is still available through the church website: templebaptist.ca

3. Ushers & Greeters will be wearing masks.

4. Every other row of seating has been blocked off/removed to help with distancing. Additional seating has been added in the upper auditorium to help increase seating capacity with distancing (this is live streamed). Families are encouraged to sit together to maximize space for others. You are expected to maintain 2m distance between members of different households, with the exception of cohort families. The service is also available off site by live stream.

5. Individual pre-package communion cups/wafers will be used.

MUSIC MINISTRY

1. Hand held microphones will not be shared.

2. Podium/Stand microphones can be shared but should not be touched by any speakers.

3. Singers will be on the stage, distanced a minimum of 4 meters from the audience.

4. Singers are encouraged to sing away from each other.

5. The team will be distanced from each other on the stage.

6. The worship team will be arranged in two rows, singers in the front and instrumentalists in the back & distanced 2 meters between individual members.

NURSERY CARE (UNDER 2 YEARS OLD)

As per provincial guidelines. Child care for children under the age of 2 is NOT permitted at this time. Children should stay with their families, they should be kept close & not allowed to wander. We will revisit once this is updated from the province.

CHILDCARE/SUNDAY SCHOOL (AGES 2+)

1. Children and leaders will sanitize their hands on the way in and out of the ministry area.

2. Masks are not required but attendees are welcome to wear one if they choose.

3. Cleaning of hard surfaces with disinfectant wipes or spray will be done before and after the classtime.

4. Snacks/prizes should be individually packaged when possible or dispensed by a single person.

5. Check In/Check Out procedures will be in place.

YOUTH MINISTRY

1. We ask that everyone do a self-assessment prior to attending any youth events. I'm sure you all are pretty familiar with what to look for but just to be sure please checkout the same tool provided to schools - Self Screening Questionnaire PDF. If a student arrives at youth showing symptoms, the student will be asked to wear a non-medical mask & be isolated to a separate room or kept 2 metres from other students, parents will be contacted to pick up the student immediately.
2. Attendance will be taken for the purpose of contact tracing should a case of COVID 19 be identified among our attendees. By attending you are consenting to this collection of your name & phone number for this purpose only. This information will be destroyed two weeks after it is collected.
3. At this time, masks will not be required unless physical distancing cannot be maintained. You may however wear a mask if you so choose.
4. Outdoor/Gym Games: As long as we continue to be a group of 50 or under (and generally have the same people each week) we can be considered a cohort. Proper hand hygiene will be required before and after any games. Please avoid touching your face during activities. Any shared equipment will be disinfected after use. Students may choose not to participate but will be asked to sit off to the side & to not be on any devices.
5. Small Group Times: This year we will be breaking off into two groups - a boys group & a girls group. If group(s) increase to a size that proper physical distancing cannot occur with the spaces available we will then divide into smaller groups. Rooms/areas used for small groups will be disinfected after use. Devices may only be used for scripture referencing or for parent contact.
6. Friday Events: As long as weather permits, we will try to hold some of these events outside. Please dress appropriately for the weather. We will try our best to continue planning fun events but as you know things may look a little different. There will also be a Hangout Night each month. We had hoped that some of these Fridays could be Family Fun Nights for everyone but we will see how things go with restrictions - so stay tuned!!
7. Food/Snacks: We ask that students bring their own water bottles with their names on them. Individual bottled water will be available should a student forget their own. If food/snacks are brought - we ask that there be no sharing between households. If food/snacks are being provided they will be individual portions or served by a youth leader. Snacks will not be provided regularly.
8. Travel: Some events will require transportation. As not all guidelines can be fully adhered to, we will encourage masks to be worn while in vehicles, parents also have the option of driving their child(ren) to the event.

WEDDINGS/FUNERALS

1. Limited to a maximum for 100 invitees
2. Receptions are limited to 50 people

OFFICE HOURS

1. Meetings with the pastors are by appointment only.
2. Please keep a 2 meter separation from others while in the building/offices.
3. Cleaning supplies are provided: Hand sanitizer, Lysol spray & paper towel for hard surfaces, wipes for soft surfaces (ie: couches).
4. Office entrance will be used during office hours.

LIFE GROUP MINISTRY

Life Group Leaders will need discuss COVID controls with their Life Groups. Currently, Life Groups may meet in homes if all members of the group are comfortable with it. Each Life Group is responsible to take appropriate precautions to prevent COVID transmission. The church building is also available for Life Groups to meet in. Life Group Leaders are responsible to take attendance at their Life Group meetings and keep the record for two weeks afterwards. The taskforce recommends that leaders use the Groups module which is part of the Planning Center app for a centralized attendance recordkeeping system.

MINISTRY STARTUP

Ministries or classes that wish to restart will be asked to provide a plan prior to restarting to the TBC COVID taskforce that details how they will implement the health guidelines relevant to their ministry. The taskforce will review the plan and suggest revisions if needed.

IN THE CASE OF AN OUTBREAK

We will provide the necessary information to Alberta Health Services and follow their guidance.

This document will be updated and revised as needed.
TBC COVID Taskforce