

Emmanuel Church COVID Protocol

Last updated: April 28, 2021

Purpose:

To provide an overview of practical standards applied at the Emmanuel Congregational Christian Church property at 37 Gates Ave., Middleton, NS.

The guidelines below are meant to meet or exceed the current Nova Scotia Corona Virus Health Protection Act Order.

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/health-protection-act-order-by-the-medical-officer-of-health.pdf>

and,

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/restriction-updates/>

- **Staff**
 - Our staff will continue to work from their respective offices
 - Doors to the church will be locked

- **In-Person Group Gatherings**
 - As of Wednesday April 28, 2021 there will be no in-person group activities associated with the ministry of Emmanuel Church. This means no in-person small group meetings at the church building or in private homes. In addition, the worship service will be online only.
 - The only exception allowed is the recording of services. We are allowed to have up to 5 people together for that purpose.

- **Worship services**
 - Both our Family Worship and our Regular Services will continue to be pre-recorded and be made available in a variety of ways:
 - YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR5qhS8JJAGO6f7BYbaJs8A>
 - “Simulated Live Stream”
<https://emmanuelchurchmiddleton.online.church/>
 - USB drive (contact the church office for more details)
 - Phone (contact the church office for more details)

- **Maintaining Community**
 - Participation in an online Small Group is highly encouraged. Please contact the church office for more information

- If you watch the worship service by yourself, we encourage you to call someone afterwards to discuss the 'Points to Ponder'
- Call someone everyday! Pastor Sweis wrote an inspiring blogpost about this during the first lockdown. <http://www.emmanuelchurch.ca/blog/post/body-building-building-the-body>

Prepared by the Elders' Board