

Emmanuel Church COVID Protocol

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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/reopening-plan/>

• **Worship services**

- Worship services are recognized as an essential service in Nova Scotia and are therefore exempt from Proof of Vaccination (POV)
- Masking continues to be mandatory while in the church building.
- Though we can operate at full occupancy again, the back of the sanctuary will continue to have chairs set up with to provide distance from others. Please sit with someone you are comfortable being in close contact with.
- Janitorial staff are onsite to keep high-touch surfaces clean.
- Services are recorded and made available via our YouTube Channel later in the day

• **In-Person Group Gatherings**

- In-person small group gatherings can take place both in homes and at the church building
 - In homes – gathering limits (max 25) apply
 - At church building – masking required; no gathering limits, but proof of vaccination is required for all activities other than the Sunday morning gathering

• **Maintaining Community**

- No coffee and goodies will be served after services, but we encourage people to gather either at homes or restaurants to (re)build relationships!
- The transition to live, in-person worship services is causing a number of people a degree of anxiety. For others it is Proof of Vaccination that causes frustration. Please be gracious and compassionate with each other as we navigate these unprecedented times.
- Not everyone will be back right away. Please call someone to help them know they too are part of the Emmanuel family.

Prepared by the Elders' Board