

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**

- In line with our provincial health regulations, starting Sunday, March 27 we no longer require social distancing and masking
- However, to make room for those more cautious we have set aside the back of the sanctuary for those who prefer to distance and mask
- Overflow will be available if needed
- We will not pass the offering plate, as most have transitioned to some type of e-giving. Offering plates are available at the Welcome Desk and at the front of the sanctuary
- Please stay home if you are experiencing symptoms of illness
- Services will be live-streamed and posted to the internet

• **Coffee Hour**

- This time of fellowship has resumed but changed slightly. Servers will serve you the drinks and goodies

• **In-Person Group Gatherings**

- In-person small group gatherings may take place at the church buildings without restrictions
- The Pre-Service Prayer meeting will be a hybrid meeting, with both in-person and online attendance

• **Coming Out Of COVID**

- We recognize that as we transition out of the pandemic is not without challenges. As a people who follow Jesus, who came full of grace and truth, we encourage you to imitate Him! Be gracious toward each other. Carefully listen to that 'still small voice' to discern who to reach out to during this season. And, do not hesitate to reach out to our elders if you are in need of help!

Prepared by the Elders' Board