## A Checklist for Returning to Public Worship

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| **Supporting Congregants’ Safety** |
| Guideline | Yes | No |
| Can we ensure staff, visitors and congregation use the self-assessment tool (<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx>) before attending? |  |  |
| Can we offer multiple services and opportunities to worship to reduce the attendance to 50 people or one third of normal worship service attendance, whichever is smaller and whichever ensures physical distancing will be maintained? |  |  |
| Are we able to effectively provide staff, visitors, and congregation information on the requirements for operation and the importance to prevent the spread of COVID-19?  |  |  |
| Do we have signs indicating COVID-19 physical distancing protocols? |  |  |
| Can we ensure physical distancing is maintained between people who are not from the same household at all times? |  |  |
| At the time of reopening, are non-medical masks required by the attendees? What actions will we take if congregants arrive without a mask but are required to wear one?  |  |  |
| Can we ensure children remain with their parents or guardians at all times?  |  |  |
| Will we be vigilant in reminding congregants to maintain physical distancing after they have left the church?  |  |  |
| **Supporting Staff and Religious Leaders** |
| Guideline | Yes | No |
| Can we ensure that leaders in our church are actively supporting COVID-19 prevention activities, procedures, and education? |  |  |
| Will we provide staff and volunteers information and training about appropriate physical distancing, processes, and hygiene practices? |  |  |
| Do we have PPE if leaders are unable to maintain 2 metres of separation from congregants?  |  |  |
| **Facilities** |
| Guidelines | Yes | No |
| Can we control and stagger entry into our facilities? |  |  |
| Are we able to clearly mark and maintain proper social distance spacing for lineups?  |  |  |
| Can we maintain a single point of entry and a separate point of exit? |  |  |
| Can we ensure hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol content is available at facility entrance and exit and available throughout the venue? |  |  |
| Can we ensure congregants clean their hands upon entry and exit? |  |  |
| Will we develop and implement procedures for increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting of high traffic areas, common areas, public washrooms? |  |  |
| Will we frequently clean and disinfect high-touch/shared surfaces such as: doorknobs, light switches, toilet handles, faucets and taps, elevator buttons, railings? |  |  |
| Will we clean and sanitize at least once between services? |  |  |
| Can seating be arranged or marked (in case of pews) to ensure social distancing? |  |  |
| Can we ensure facility rental programs adhere to gathering restrictions?  |  |  |
| **Cultural and Religious Practices** |
| Guideline | Yes | No |
| Do services include providing or sharing cooked food, open food, or beverages? |  |  |
| Can we ensure there is no contact between congregants such as hand shaking or the sharing of communal items (e.g. communion chalice)? |  |  |
| Can we prevent social gatherings before or after the service?  |  |  |
| **Singing** |
| Guidelines | Yes | No |
| Do we have a soloist or alternative to singing?  |  |  |
| Can we ensure no member of the congregation participates in the singing of hymns? |  |  |
| Drive in Services  |
| Guidelines | Yes | No |
| Do we have a designated parking area to provide a drive-in service? |  |  |
| Can we keep people from leaving their vehicles at the service? |  |  |
| Can we ensure cars are separated by a minimum of two metres?  |  |  |
| Will we have washroom access? Can we ensure facilities are cleaned frequently? |  |  |
| If people leave their cars, can we ensure they maintain 2 metres of physical distance at all times? |  |  |
| **Support for Public Health** |
| Guidelines | Yes | No |
| Can we keep a list of congregants at each service to enable management of cases through contact tracing and follow-up? |  |  |
| Will we maintain an up-to-date contact list for all staff and volunteers, including names, addresses and phone numbers? |  |  |