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The Alberta Government moved to Phase 2 on Friday, June 12, 2020, and we have new parameters for places of worship. In short, we are now able to host in-person, live services with as many people as possible with social distancing maintained. Here are some points for you to consider:

1) Should I attend, in person, a live service at Trinity Baptist Church?

- a. You *must not* attend if you are experiencing the most common symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat). Individuals who have COVID symptoms, who have travelled internationally in the last 14 days, or individuals who have had close contact with confirmed COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days are prohibited by law from entering into a place of worship.
- b. We *recommend* that you choose not to attend in person if you are 65 years of age or older, or if you have a chronic medical condition. We would invite you to continue to participate via one of our live-stream options (Facebook/YouTube).
- c. Since the following areas will remain closed: Trinity Tots, Trinity Kids, and Parent Zone, we *suggest* that families with small children continue to enjoy the service from home via the livestream. Elementary-age children will have activity boxes available in the foyer for pick up each Sunday. No child shall be left unattended at any time anywhere in the building.
- d. All attendees *must* be comfortable with Trinity Baptist Church collecting your name and basic contact information upon your arrival. This information is collected for the potential of contact tracing and will be retained for no longer than 3 weeks.

2) When You Arrive

- a. Although we will not be requiring all attendees to wear a mask in order to attend, we encourage you to wear one into the service if you have one to bring.
- b. After you park, you will be greeted at the front entrance where you will be asked some basic questions about your health and your names will be recorded for contact tracing.
- c. When you enter the building, please use the hand sanitiser provided. We will not be providing any coffee (feel free to bring your own) and we request that the foyer not be used for socialising at this time. Please proceed directly into the sanctuary.
- d. The Trinity Baptist Church washrooms are open, however, as you know, they are small spaces. We would request that, if possible, you strategically use the washroom before or after the service.
- e. We will not be making printed bulletins available at this time. Please be sure to sign up (via the homepage of our website) for our weekly newsletters to continue to stay informed.

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- f. In the sanctuary you will notice that every second pew has been blocked off to enable social distancing. Please be sure to stay two arms' lengths away from other people in the same pew as you unless you are from the same household or are from the same cohort families. As you arrive, please sit in the middle of pews so that latecomers can easily join in at the end of the pew.
- g. Because of the limited seating in our sanctuary, it is likely that we will need overflow rooms where people can watch the service being live-streamed. The Fireside Room will be our overflow room if required. Please do not enter it unless directed by an usher.
- h. In the rare case that our sanctuary and overflow room are both full, we will need to cap attendance in order to adhere to public health guidelines.

3) In the Service

- a. According to current guidelines, congregational singing is discouraged. We would encourage you to "hum" along to songs. If you feel that singing is an essential part of your worship, you must wear a mask and we will be enforcing this requirement.
- b. There will be no greeting time.
- c. Although there will be a children's moment, children are to remain seated with their families throughout the service.
- d. No offering plates will be passed during the service. We encourage the continued use of one of our online giving options. There will be, however, two boxes at the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to give in person.
- e. Communion will not be celebrated on June 28, 2020. We will evaluate our Communion procedures for future months.

4) As You Leave

- a. When the service concludes, the sanctuary / overflow room will be dismissed by an emcee in a gradual, orderly fashion.
- b. We will not be using our chalkboard prayer walls at this time. Please submit your prayer requests directly to a staff member via their email or by making use of our prayer submissions form on the homepage of our website.
- c. Upon leaving the sanctuary, please do not linger in the foyer. Use the hand sanitizer again and then head directly outside. If you wish to briefly socialise, please do so in a socially distant manner after you have exited the building.

We thank you for your patience during this time. We look forward to seeing you. For those who will continue to watch via livestream, please know we respect your decision to do so and know that we miss you and we look forward to seeing you. As we all know, the Alberta relaunch strategy continues to unfold, and we will adjust our guidelines in step with Alberta's recommendations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Should you require access to the church during the week to access lost and found, mail folders, pastoral appointments, etc., please arrange an appointment time with the church office prior to stopping by (780-464-4040 ext 301).

Welcome Back!