



UNITED CHURCHES OF LANGLEY

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UCoL Communicable Disease Prevention Plan - COVID-19 **Effective April 28, 2022**

The properties of United Churches of Langley (UCoL) are used by a wide range of groups and persons of different ages, abilities, and health sensitivities. Some potential users will have compromised immune systems. This Communicable Disease Prevention Plan is prepared to minimize any ongoing transmission of COVID-19 as society begins to resume activities that were restricted during the pandemic.

All users should seek to create an environment that welcomes the most vulnerable among us and respectfully encourage their active participation in any activities. This can only be achieved by immunization, social distancing, mask-wearing and enhanced sanitary practices. Users should always be mindful of how their actions and practices can affect the comfort and health of others.

All groups and persons using UCoL property must adhere to the following protocol. Group leaders/coordinators will be informed of any changes to these requirements by email.

General Regulations

1. No persons exhibiting any Covid-like respiratory symptoms are allowed to enter the church buildings.
2. Subject to the current Orders of the Provincial Public Health Officer:
 - a) **Mask (cloth, medical or KN95) wearing** in all parts of the building for all people 12 years and older **is strongly encouraged.**
 - b) **Practice mindful physical distancing** while on the church property, including when entering/exiting, conversing, sitting, waiting in the line for the washroom and gathering outside the building. **Where distancing is NOT possible, mask-wearing is strongly encouraged.**
 - c) **Proof of vaccination is not required, but we strongly recommend that church users be fully vaccinated.**
3. No trash is to be collected or left behind (“pack it in / pack it out”).

Protective Measures to Reduce the Risk of the Virus Transmission

1. **All people entering the church buildings will use the hand sanitizer provided** at the entrances. **User groups will provide hand sanitizers for their members** to use at arrival and during their gatherings.
2. Members of each group will only use doors, rooms and washrooms assigned to their group. Wandering into other parts of the building is not allowed.
3. Each group needs to practice mindful social distancing.



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4. No passing or sharing of any items should take place. A box, bowl or plate should be placed on a pedestal or table to collect any donation, money or papers. If any equipment or supplies need to be used by a group of people (table, bins, reading materials, etc.), **only one** person should use/handle that equipment or supplies during the entire time of use.
5. Groups are encouraged to keep the doors and/or windows open during their gathering as much as the weather permits in order to provide better ventilation.

Sanitizing of the Used Space

1. All chairs, tables, countertops, and door handles in the room must be sanitized thoroughly by a designated group member after each gathering. Sanitizing before the meeting is advisable as an extra precaution.
2. A designated group member will sanitize all high-touch surfaces before they lock up and leave.

Communication of the Pandemic Protocols

1. The current UCoL Covid-19 Communicable Disease Prevention Plan is posted on the church website.
2. The current UCoL Covid-19 Communicable Disease Prevention Plan will be emailed to the user group leaders or coordinators. The user groups need to have protocols specific to them (registration system, the flow of the people in the assigned space, etc.).
3. Signage is posted at the entrances and at strategic places in the buildings to remind people of the protective safety measures during the pandemic.