



UNITED CHURCHES OF LANGLEY

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UCoL Communicable Disease Prevention Plan - COVID-19 **Effective October 19, 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.

UCoL will revise its Communicable Disease Prevention Plan if COVID number increases or if advised to do so by Public Health.

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 practice like hand washing. **Users should always be mindful of how their actions and practices can affect the comfort and health of others.**

All groups and persons including UCoL Congregation and staff using UCoL property must adhere to UCoL's Communicable Disease Prevention Plan for COVID-19.

General Regulations (also applicable for Sunday In-person Worship):

1. No persons exhibiting any Covid-like respiratory symptoms are allowed to enter the church buildings. Please stay home if you have a cough, sore throat, fever or test positive for COVID-19.
2. Subject to the current Orders of the Provincial Public Health Officer:
 - a) **Mask (cloth, medical or KN95) wearing is not required in the building but recommended** for all people 12 years and older when physical distancing is not possible.
A mask is not required if speaking from a lectern or when staff are working alone in an office. Choir members can perform without masking if all participants are in agreement and also maintain physical distancing from audience/congregation.
 - b) **Practice mindful physical distancing** while on the church property, including when entering/exiting, conversing, sitting, waiting in line and gathering in groups inside/outside the building. **Where distancing is NOT possible, mask-wearing is recommended.**
 - c) **While vaccination enhances protection, proof of vaccination is not required** as long as physical distancing and monitoring of symptoms are observed. **It is recommended church users and UCoL congregation members to be fully vaccinated.**



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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. Each group needs to practice mindful physical distancing.
3. 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.
4. Coffee time and sharing of small snacks is permitted.

Cleaning Up of the Used Space

All chairs and tables should be cleaned and put away if used for meeting. If coffee and food is served during the meeting, please vacuum if the floor is carpet or sweep if the floor is a hard surface i.e. linoleum and hardwood. The vacuum is stored in the lower hall storage area and brooms may be found in the upper hall chair storage room.

No trash is to be left behind (“pack it in / pack it out”).

Communication of the Pandemic Protocols

1. The current UCoL Covid-19 Communicable Disease Prevention Plan is posted on the church website (under ‘News & Stories’ tab).
2. The current UCoL Covid-19 Communicable Disease Prevention Plan will be emailed to the user group leaders or coordinators.
3. Signage is posted at the entrances and at strategic places in the buildings to remind people of the protective safety measures.