

SAUC Protocols

Phase 2 Guidelines for In-Person Worship

St Albert United Church (SAUC) endeavors to follow all of the Government guidelines and regulations that are currently in place and we are committed to keeping all of our protocols updated to reflect any changes to Government regulations.

The safety of all of our members, guests and staff is of utmost importance and for that reason, SAUC will be diligent in following all safety guidelines. We must look after one another and be respectful of the rules that have been put in place.

- 1 Current guidelines require that all people attending church maintain 2 meters of social distancing between participants unless they are members of family cohorts. Rows have been blocked off in the sanctuary and there must be three empty chairs between cohort groups to leave the required 2 meters of distancing.
- 2 If people are feeling at all unwell, we ask that they refrain from coming to the church. Anyone who has: experienced any COVID-19 symptoms over the last 14 days (including but not limited to: fever, shortness of breath, new or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, headaches, diarrhea, aches and pains, fatigue, sneezing, sore throat, and/or runny nose), has travelled outside of Canada over the last 14 days, or who has been in contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, cannot attend worship service. Upon entering the church for worship, people will be asked if they are experiencing any of the above symptoms.
- 3 ***Masks are mandatory.*** Masks will be available from one of the greeters in the church should you not be able to supply your own. We also request that if people stop to visit once they leave the church, please continue to socially distance and wear their masks until they are in their vehicle.
- 4 SAUC will keep a record of attendees for each service, along with contact information to allow for contact tracing should there be a positive case of COVID-19. This information will be destroyed after 14 days.
- 5 Because capacity will be limited to allow for social distancing, those wishing to attend worship will be required to register on the website or through the office ahead of time.
- 6 Attendees will be required to sanitize their hands and those of their children upon entering and before leaving the building.
- 7 All children are to be supervised to minimize touch points throughout the church. This includes visits to the bathroom. Wandering throughout the church is not allowed at this time.
- 8 No food or drink is to be served. Personal bottled water, and other beverages are allowed if they are in a spill-proof container.

- 9 As people arrive, they will be greeted outside the front door by a volunteer, who will provide a dose of hand sanitizer and will take people's temperature using a touchless, infra-red thermometer pointed at the person's wrist.
- 10 There will be two stations where masked volunteers would check the person's name off an attendance list. Access to the office will be restricted on Sunday mornings as we attempt to limit traffic in a tight workspace.
- 11 Inside the sanctuary, two ushers will help to guide people to their seats to help ensure distancing restrictions are adhered to and to ensure family/cohort groups are seated properly. Every other row of chairs has been blocked off with tape and there must be three empty chairs between cohort groups. Paper bulletins will not be utilized.
- 12 Congregational singing will not be permitted at this time.
- 13 Collection plates will not be passed but a collection plate will be placed in the narthex once the service has begun to allow people to drop their offerings as they leave the building.
- 14 Egress from the church will be done in a fashion similar to when people leave the church following a wedding or funeral starting at the front of the sanctuary. Each row will exit one at a time in the direction of the main exit and the ushers will help to guide this process.