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Communicable Disease Safety Plan: Ralph Connor Memorial United Church, Banff & Canmore

The Province of Alberta lifted all remaining mandatory public health restrictions related to COVID-19 on June 14, 2022. In order to optimize the safety of ourselves and others, as COVID-19 continues to be present in our communities, and as cold and flu season approaches,

WE REQUIRE:

Our only requirement is respectful interaction between those who have greater or lesser comfort with masking and social distancing. Different people will have different comfort levels, especially as we continue to become reaccustomed to public gatherings and interactions.

WE RECOMMEND:

- Staying home if you feel generally unwell, especially if you are experiencing respiratory illness symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, runny nose or sore throat)
- Coughing/sneezing into one's elbow/sleeve to minimize droplet spread
- Frequent handwashing and/or hand sanitizing.
 - There are hand-washing sinks (in the Canmore building) upstairs and on the main floor, (in the Banff building) in the washrooms by the back door and by the thrift shop, and hand sanitizer will generally be available.
- Vaccination. We continue to be strongly supportive of vaccination as important tool for public safety.

WE REQUEST THAT EVENT ORGANIZERS:

- Have masks and sanitizer available and visible
- Be aware of anyone in their group that is coughing or sneezing, and do spot-cleaning as needed at the end of the gathering. The Church will continue to have spray bottles of appropriate surface-cleaners available.
- Reduce, whenever practical, the size of gatherings, and increase ventilation if needed (opening windows in the hall, opening doors in the sanctuary, using the box fan to "change the air" at the end of a gathering)
- Continue to use Zoom or other online platforms when practical, as a replacement for or in concert with in-person gatherings.

Some groups and individuals using the Church may decide to have additional, agreed-upon health practices expected within their gatherings. We are not averse to such additional measures, *but it will be solely their responsibility, and not the Church's*, to communicate and enforce these expectations.