

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS OLD MUST REMAIN WITH THEIR FAMILIES. Face coverings are required for all persons over 2 years of age who are capable of removing them and who do not have a health condition that would contraindicate the wearing of a face covering.

- Pencil and paper activities or small craft packets (if provided) are to be taken home by the family at the end of the service.

- Families may bring snacks and drinks for children but they may not be shared with others.

- CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR THOSE OVER SIX YEARS OLD may be held in groups of 10 or less provided that the spaces used allow for physical distancing. Face coverings are to be worn and physical distancing is to be observed.

- No food or beverages are to be served or shared.

- No singing is permitted.

## PROTECT YOURSELF - HELP YOUR PARISH

The challenges your local church faces and the burden your parish leadership carry these days are enormous.

Help them by protecting yourself.

### Do you have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?

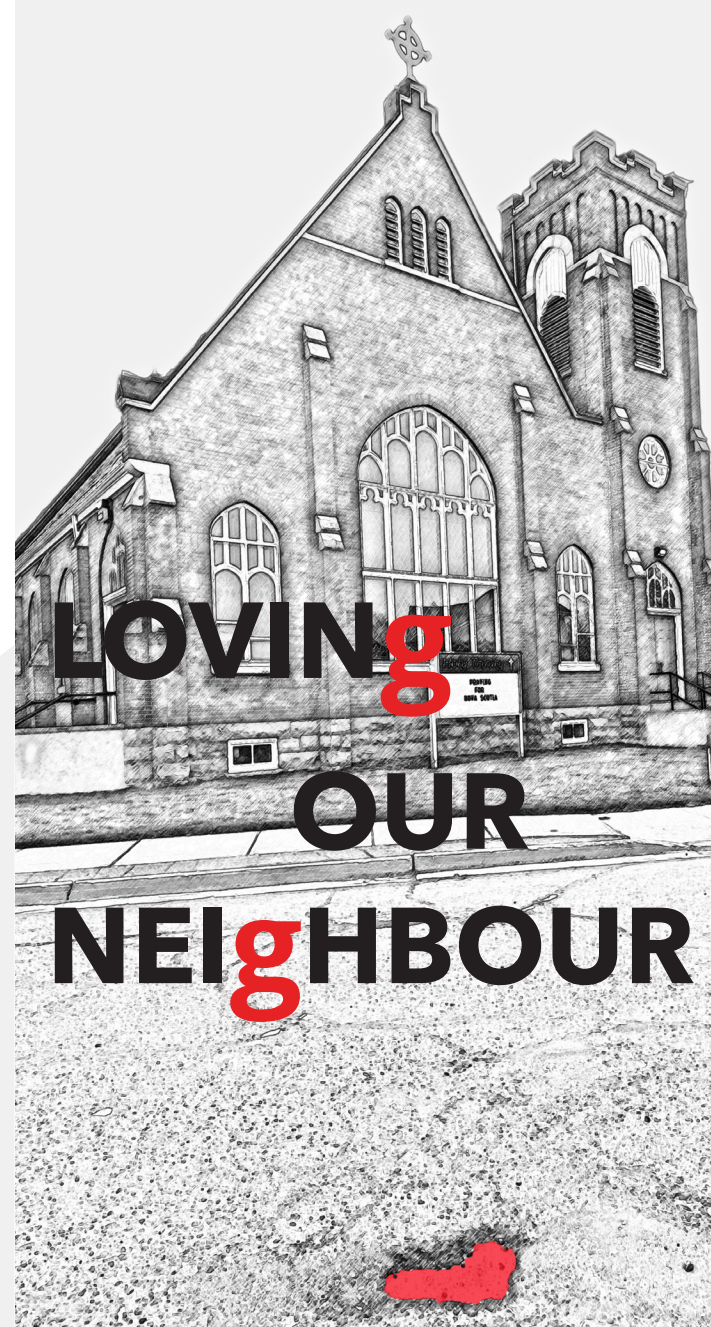
- Fever/Chills
- Difficulty breathing/Shortness of breath
- Runny nose (unrelated to seasonal allergies)
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Cough
- Sore throat/Difficulty swallowing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Not feeling well, headache, unexplained tiredness and muscle aches

### In the last 14 days, have you had close physical contact with a person who

- Was sick with a respiratory illness (had a new or worsening cough, fever or difficulty breathing)?
- Has returned from travel outside of Canada?
- Was a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19?

### In the last 14 days, have you travelled outside of Canada?

**IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES  
TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS,  
PLEASE STAY HOME!**



**BE KIND...**

**BE CALM...**

**BE SAFE...**



The  
Diocese of Huron

**SAFE REOPENING  
OF CHURCH BUILDINGS  
IN HURON**

## **WELCOME BACK TO YOUR CHURCH: THE SAME OLD PLACE... ...YET DIFFERENT**

We remain hopeful that on Sunday, September 13, 2020 the Diocese of Huron will be entering the AMBER STAGE of the safe reopening of its church buildings.

This means that in-person worship may resume according to the custom of the parish but with all safety measures and government regulations in place introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the AMBER Stage, many of the regular rhythms of church life will begin to be re-established, however, there will be some profound differences, especially early in the AMBER Stage.

This will be difficult for all of us and we will experience frustration and grief at varying times. More than ever, it is important that we be understanding and patient with one other.

Now is the time to show our kindness and love for our neighbours in the pews; to understand that much is expected from our parish leaders in these challenging moments.

**Show your tolerance, patience  
and respect!  
Be kind, be calm, and stay safe!**

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

- DESIGNATED ENTRANCE AND EXIT DOORS or MARKED WAITING AREAS FOR ENTERING AND EXITING.
- TRAIN SIDES-PERSONS AND GREETERS who will help you to find your place in the pews.
  - ATTENDANCE RECORD TAKEN for contact tracing purposes, as required by government regulations.
  - FEWER PEOPLE IN PEWS SITTING AT SAFE DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER. A maximum of 50 persons, 30% of the seating capacity of the sanctuary, or the number which can be seated following physical distancing guidelines, may attend a service.
  - PEOPLE WEARING MASKS as per regulations for indoor gatherings.
  - SERVICE BOOKS REPLACED WITH BULLETINS FOR SINGLE USE
  - NO SINGING/CHANTING, NON-CONTACT PEACE SHARING ONLY.
  - OFFERING PLATES WILL NOT BE PASSED BUT PLACED IN A PROMINENT, STATIONARY POSITION.
  - EUCHARIST: ONLY BREAD IS RECEIVED.
  - NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES TO BE SERVED OR SHARED.
  - NO COAT RACKS.

## **WHAT TO DO**

- REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR SERVICES IF NEEDED to help your parish leaders plan for a safe church service.
- PROVIDE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION when registering or at the service. Attendance records are kept in case of a request by the local public health unit as part of contact tracing of those potentially exposed to COVID-19.
- PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNAGE AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS
- FIND YOUR PLACE IN **MARKED PEWS area** and practice safe physical distancing.
- COME TO THE SERVICE WITH YOUR OWN MASK AND WEAR IT. Face coverings are required for all persons over 2 years of age who are capable of removing them and who do not have a health condition that would contraindicate the wearing of a face covering.
- AVOID USING HANDRAILINGS and other high-touch areas. REMEMBER: HAND HYGIENE AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING KEEP THE VIRUS AWAY!
- EUCHARIST: Keep a safe distance when waiting in line for communion. Use hand sanitizer immediately after the reception of the Eucharist.
- SHARE PEACE THROUGH SMILES FROM THE PEW.