

COVID-19 Rapid Response Protocol for the Edmonton Church of God

As Operators of a Place of Worship, the Edmonton Church of God is required to:

1. implement practices to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among attendees;
2. provide procedures for rapid response if an attendee develops symptoms of illness;
3. facilitate high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene among attendees; and
4. comply, to the extent possible, with the COVID-19 General Relaunch Guidance, this guidance, and
5. any other applicable Alberta Health guidance found at:
<https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.asp>

This document will fulfill the requirement of a rapid response procedure.

In support of the Edmonton Church of God's Rapid Response Protocol, this document provides direction to all staff, volunteers and visitors on the necessary steps they should take when feeling unwell to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

General Guidelines:

If you have had any of these symptoms during the past ten days, stay home and do not go to church or visit either of the Eben Ezer (EE) homes. If you develop any of these symptoms while at church or either of the EE homes, go to your home right away (travel safely: avoid public transit; wear your mask; wash your hands; practice proper distancing):

- Fever
- New onset of cough or worsening of chronic cough
- New or worsening shortness of breath
- New or worsening difficulty breathing
- Sore throat

- Runny nose
- Chills
- Painful swallowing
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle or joint ache
- Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

As soon as you can, do the COVID-19 Self-Assessment for Albertans found here:

<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/journey/covid-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx>

IF

- The self-assessment says: “You are legally required to immediately self-isolate. You are recommended to be tested for COVID-19,”

AND

- You have been at the Edmonton Church of God **and/or** either of the Eben Ezer homes in the past 48 hours,

THEN

Please notify the church, either by:

1. Calling the church office at (780) 433-8706
2. Emailing us at office@edmontonchurchofgod.com

If an attendee, volunteer or staff member starts showing symptoms while on Edmonton Church of God premises, the following actions will be taken:

1. Immediately isolating the attendee from others.
2. Cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces that may have come into contact with the symptomatic attendee.
3. Requiring hand hygiene and masking of the attendee.
4. Ensuring the attendee isolates as soon as possible.

Your privacy is important to us!*

Someone will contact you privately to offer assistance.

If you have concerns about your symptoms or questions about your online COVID-19 self-assessment, contact Alberta Health Link by dialing 811 on your phone.

Privacy Legislation During a Public Health Emergency

We understand that not everyone is comfortable sharing personal health information with others. However, this information is only shared with those who require the details to make decisions potentially affecting the safety of the public. We **will not** disclose the identity of the individuals who have either tested positive, or are a close contact of the infected individual. However, should they desire assistance in contact tracing, that can be arranged. Our goal is always to ensure the safety of all involved, recognizing that there are both physical and emotional ramifications of receiving the diagnosis of COVID-19. We are here to support you, not shame you. There is no reason to be ashamed of a positive case of COVID-19. ***In a case where the required information is not readily available or is unclear, we will err on the side of caution and suspend all in-person services until these issues can be resolved.***

The following is an excerpt from the website of the [Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta](#): We have provided this information in support of our Rapid Response Protocol.

Declaration of a Public Health Emergency

Privacy legislation would not impede the work of public health officials if a public health emergency is declared.

If an outbreak is declared to be a public emergency, the powers to collect, use and disclose personal or health information to protect the public health may be very broad.

In the event that a public health or general emergency is declared, orders issued under public health legislation could require the collection, use and disclosure of certain personal information relating to employees and customers.

¹A close contact is anyone who, during the infectious period:

- was within two metres of a person who has COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more of cumulative contact, i.e. multiple interactions for a total of 15 minutes or more, even if a mask was worn during that contact, or
- has had direct contact with bodily fluids of a person who has COVID-19 (e.g., was coughed or sneezed on), or
- provided direct care for a person who has COVID-19, or
- has physical contact with a person who has COVID-19, such as handshake, hugging, kissing, or sexual activity, or
- shares items with a person who has COVID-19 such as drinks, personal hygiene items, cigarettes, vapes, lipstick, eating utensils, etc.
- For sports that involve close, sustained or intermittent and repeated contact, all members of the teams playing each other are considered close contacts when there is a case on a team.
- For schools, generally, all students who share a classroom with a student who was infectious with COVID-19 are considered close contacts.

Anyone who falls into any of the above categories is considered a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19. Wearing a non-medical mask is not sufficient to exempt you from being considered a close contact.

²Contact Tracing Notification Process

Received a Positive COVID-19 Test Result?

You must immediately:

- Isolate
- Complete the COVID-19 Close Contacts Identification Guide
- Enter your close contacts into the COVID-19 Contact Tracing Tool

Note: The tool will instruct you to enter such information as name, date and locations of contact, phone number and other information that will help the AHS contact tracing team identify anyone in priority groups, and allow for appropriate means of contact tracing.

You may receive a follow-up call from AHS to discuss the information you entered.

The following resources were used in the creation of this document:

Overview of the Rapid Response Protocol at the University of Alberta:

[Case or Outbreak of COVID-19 on U of A Campus | University Services and Finance](#)

[Protocol for Notifications Regarding Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 | University Services and Finance](#)

[COVID-19 PROCEDURE FOR SICK STUDENTS](#)

[COVID-19 PROCEDURE FOR SICK EMPLOYEES General Procedure](#)

AHS contract tracing information:

[novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Contact Tracing Notification Process](#)

[novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information for Close Contacts of a COVID-19 Case](#)

Information regarding privacy and disclosure of personal health information:

[Privacy and the COVID-19 outbreak - Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada](#)

[Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta](#)
