

Edmonton Church of God On-site Worship Service Registration

Relaunch Week 1

We are excited to experience worship together again as a church community!

On site worship services will begin effective Wednesday July 22nd and we will be asked to comply with a new routine. Yes, attending church will be different and something we will need to get used to as we strive to do all we can to lower the risk of spreading infection. Here are some frequently asked questions by those who wonder what attending an on-site worship service will look like:

Why am I asked to pre-register?

Pre-registering helps us in three ways:

- In the event of someone testing positive for COVID, having an attendance record helps support public health contact tracing efforts. Pre-registration keeps the check-in process quicker and more efficient for each worship service.
- It helps our ushers prepare so that there is adequate 2-meter physical distanced seating for those who worship with us.
- Since we can only fill our sanctuary to 15% of capacity, pre-registration helps us to gauge whether we are reaching our limit.

Are walk-ins welcome?

- Yes, walk-ins are welcome if we have not reached our capacity by the commencement of the worship service. However, pre-registration is preferred.

Do I have to wear a mask?

- We require wearing a mask when you enter and leave our building since physical distancing may not be guaranteed in spite of our best efforts. All our ushers and welcome team members will be wearing a mask. We also desire to comply with Edmonton Municipal Bylaw 19408.
- Congregational singing is discouraged at this time because of the increased risk of spreading droplets while singing.
- We consider wearing a mask a matter of loving our neighbor and not a matter of our personal freedom!

What other measures are you taking to ensure a safe environment?

- Please maintain physical distancing of 2 metres at all times, including when queuing up to enter the church.
- You will be entering and exiting our building through the main front doors.
- You will be seated row by row by our ushers, starting at the front, at the beginning of the service and released row by row by our ushers, beginning at the back, at the end of the service in the effort to avoid crowding. You will be given an opportunity to gather your mail on your way out.
- We have numerous hand-sanitizer stations available in the foyer as well as in the sanctuary.
- Please use the hand sanitizers provided prior to entering the sanctuary.
- All door handles and frequently touched areas will be disinfected regularly.
- No offering plates or worship folders will be handed out. Tithing envelopes can be dropped off into a designated box in the foyer. The debit terminal will be available and will be disinfected after each use.
- Parents, please keep your children close to you on Sundays without Sunday School. For those attending Sunday School, we ask that you register any children under 7 as usual. Older children are to go directly to their classroom and upon completion of Sunday School, will be dismissed directly to their parents. Children 2 and under are not required to wear a mask.

- Only 2 people are allowed in the washrooms at one time. The doors will be propped open to facilitate this.
- Socializing before and after the worship service should be done outside, while keeping a 2-meter physical distance or wearing a mask, weather permitting.
- The church building is not open for any other programs at this time so we can limit the areas needing cleaning and disinfecting.

Thank you for your continued support, your understanding and cooperation. We could not do this without you. We also understand that not everyone is ready to attend an onsite service yet for various reasons. Please continue joining us for our livestream services and stay in touch with us.

If you have any questions and concerns, please contact the church office at 780 – 433-8706.

On-Site Service Registration for July 22, 2020

Before you arrive:

- To allow adequate physical distancing, potential contact tracing and a quick check-in process, **please pre-register.**
- Register each family member who will be attending the main service.
- If you have registered and change your mind before Wednesday, we would appreciate it if you would let us know at edmontonchurchofgod.com so space is available for someone else to attend.

You can register three ways:

Via the Church Centre app on your phone

1. If you have previously downloaded the Church Centre App, you can use that to log into your profile and register under the "Events" icon at the bottom right of the app. Click the links to download the app now for [iOS](#) or [Android](#).

OR

2. **By Phone at 780-433-8706**

OR

3. **Edmontonchurchofgod.com**

2. Click **here** to register now.

- If you have technical difficulties, please email edmontonchurchofgod.com or call 780-433-8706 and leave a message letting us know you wish to attend.
- We encourage you to use the Alberta Health Services (AHS) [online screening tool](#) prior to the service. Please don't attend if you are feeling unwell or have common symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat). Individuals who have traveled internationally or who have had close contact with confirmed COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days are prohibited by law from entering.

When you arrive:

- Services begin at 10:30am on Sundays and 7:00pm on Wednesdays. Please arrive 10 – 15 minutes early to ensure a smooth and staggered entry procedure.
- An attendance record is kept for potential contact tracing in the event of a COVID outbreak.
- We require attendees to wear a face mask. There is a limited supply at church in case you don't have one. Children 2 and under are not required to wear a mask.
- Please make sure to maintain a 2-metre physical distance from others as you enter and exit the building. Our ushers will direct traffic flow to allow for proper distancing while seated. Avoid handshakes and physical contact with people outside of your household.
- There will be hand sanitizer stations for your use.
- Parents are encouraged to keep children under close supervision before, during and after the service.
- Abiding by AHS guidelines, there will be no congregational singing.
- Regardless of your perspective, please be respectful and gracious toward others who may not share your feelings. "By this all people **will know that** you are **my** disciples, if you have **love** for one another" (John 13:35).

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