



## EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

An Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

“We strive to follow, love & share Jesus”

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Hello EFC Church Family,

### **RE: EFC COVID-19 Precautions**

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, numerous changes had to be made in the way our church operates. All current provincial and municipal COVID restrictions and precautions are being followed to keep our church family safe. Pandemic precautions at EFC may change from time to time in response to changes in the COVID-19 situation and the provincial and municipal restrictions in place at any point in time. Precautions may include any or all of the following measures:

- wearing masks or face shields at all times while inside the church
- using hand sanitizer
- recording attendance for contact tracing
- taking people's temperature as they enter the church
- asking congregants to stay home if they have any cold or flu-like symptoms
- avoiding physical contact and maintaining physical distance from others who are not part of our households or close contacts
- asking congregant to observe the arrows on the floor that direct traffic
- asking congregants (who are physically able to do so) to exit the sanctuary by using the stairs next to the stage that lead to the parking lot
- observing attendance limits
- encouraging congregants to stay home and participate in church services online
- continuing with enhanced cleaning protocols
- holding Sunday after-church social interactions and coffee outdoors
- avoiding church functions that involve food or drink
- cancelling or postponing church functions
- temporarily closing the church

Members of our church family may have different perceptions of the risks of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a Community of Care, let us all be understanding and charitable with each other as we navigate this very trying time together.

Church Council and the pastors strongly encourage all members of EFC to get fully immunized, not only to protect themselves but also others they may come into contact with. Being vaccinated should not be viewed as a sign of weakness or a lack of faith in God, but rather as an expression of love for others.

Praying for everyone to keep well,

*Your Pastors and Church Council*