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Covid-19 Update July 5, 2021 (Nova Scotia)

Dear Regional Council 15 Members (Ministry Personnel and Lay Members),

Please see below the information received on June 29, 2021 from Dr. Strang. ***This information applies to all areas of Nova Scotia.*** Rev. Strang has indicated that the information attached and on the website is still in effect for the operation of our churches, and he has also indicated that they are currently being reviewed. If there are changes we will let you know. We must continue to have our operational plans in place. Masks and distancing are still required as part of faith gatherings as per the Public Health order. Names and contact numbers are still important for contact tracing. Congregation singing is still not recommended. If you decide to do so please follow the guidelines attached.

As of June 30th, we started in phase 3 of our reopening plan in NS. Here is a reminder of what is in phase 3 and phase 4 specific to faith gatherings

Phase 3

- *Faith gatherings that are run by a recognized business or organization - 50% of the venue's capacity up to 100 people indoors and up to 150 people outdoors with [social distancing](#). Large venues can be considered for multiple groups with an approved plan*
- *Drive in services permitted*
- *Wedding ceremonies and funerals (including receptions and visitation) - 50% of the venue's capacity up to 100 people indoors and 150 people outdoors with [social distancing](#) when hosted by a business or organization.*

Phase 4

- *Faith gatherings that are run by a recognized business or organization - 50% of the venue's capacity up to 150 people indoors and up to 250 people outdoors with [social distancing](#) when hosted by a business or organization. Large venues can be considered for multiple groups with an approved plan.*
- *Drive in services permitted*
- *Wedding ceremonies and funerals (including receptions and visitation) - 50% of the venue's capacity up to 150 people indoors and up to 250 people outdoors with [social distancing](#) when hosted by a business or organization.*

Also, phase 3 and phase 4 allow multiple groups under the following:

- *Any events using this model must be organized by an official organization or business.*

- *Venue must have the ability to operate zones in isolation with separate washrooms, concessions, exits and entrances without crossover, as per the guidance document created by Events Nova Scotia's Covid-19 Task Force Developing-COVID-19-Facility-Plan.pdf (novascotia.ca)*
- *Virtual events can follow this same method.*

Faith

Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister

Attachments:

COVID-19 Guidance for Faith Based Gatherings

COVID-19 Guidance for Musicians