

WESTLYNN BAPTIST CHURCH COVID-19 SAFETY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

APRIL 7TH, 2021

The following rules are based on the Gatherings and Events Order, Section D (hereinafter, abbreviated as “G&E Order”) and the Variance of the G&E Order to permit Outdoor Worship Services.¹

- 1. Pre-registration. (1.1)** You must pre-register for outdoor services and children/youth activities. This requires confirming four things: **(a)** that you are not ill, **(b)** you have not traveled abroad in the last 14 days; **(c)** you have not been in contact with anyone who was infected with COVID-19, and **(d)** you have not been told to isolate yourself by Public Health. If you cannot confirm all four facts, you cannot attend in-person church activities. If you feel even slightly ill or unwell, it is *essential* that you do **not** attend any in-person activities. **(1.2)** Do not invite guests to come directly to the service. Instead, ask them to pre-register. We will need to retain a copy of their contact details (name, phone number, email address) for 30 days in the event that someone gets sick and there is a need for contact tracing.
- 2. Physical distancing. (2.1)** You must maintain **2 metres** distance with people who are not part of your family or household to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus. **(2.2)** As part of physical distancing, you should avoid physical contact with other people. **(2.3)** When you greet others, do not hug, kiss or shake hands (even if they are sanitized). **(2.4)** Do not sit directly beside someone who is not part of your household. **(2.5)** A safe way to greet others is when you sit down because your chairs will be spaced 2 metres apart from other families. **(2.6)** We may have a structured fellowship or prayer time in the service, where you can pray and speak with others. **Please remain seated** while doing so, to maintain 2 metre distancing.
- 3. Safety masks. (3.1).** To reduce the risk of sharing breathed-out water particles with others, everyone should wear a **multi-layer mask covering the nose and mouth**. Masks should preferably have a well-fitting nose bridge to prevent them from slipping off your nose. **(3.2)**. Bandanas and neck fleeces are not multi-layered and thus should not be worn. Face shields can be worn in addition to multi-layer masks, but do not substitute for masks. **(3.3)** The only persons excepted from wearing a mask are those who are leading the service, very young children (age 5 and under) or those who have health reasons that prevent wearing a mask.
- 4. No singing.** We are not permitted to sing at this time because loud singing can potentially cause additional water droplets to be expelled. When listening to music, you can reflect on the words or hum quietly to yourself with your mouth closed and your mask on.
- 5. No mixing between events.** If there is a children’s or youth event inside the building, parents should not go inside and children should not come outside, except to drop-off or pick-up children at a designated location. We cannot have people mix from different events.
- 6. No congregating.** After a service is over, please proceed to your vehicles. If you want to get together with friends, you can gather outdoors in a park in groups of up to 10 people. Only those who are part of the technical team should stay behind to clean up.
- 7. Cooperation.** You must agree to follow these rules and the direction and guidance of the COVID safety monitors (dressed in yellow vests) as a condition of your participation.

¹ See <<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>> (last visited April 7, 2021) and <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-variance-outdoor-worship.pdf> (last visited April 7, 2021).