

Melfort Evangelical Covenant Church

Guidelines for Worship Service

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This question and answer document is here to assist you and your family as we hold our Sunday Morning Worship Service.

We understand that presently the Saskatchewan Guidelines allow for 30 people
We are now running with three weekend services with limiting each service to 30 people.
We seek to continue to provide a safe environment for our worship service.

At all times, please maintain social distancing of 2 meters.

Upon entry into the building you must sanitize your hands at the stations.

If you are sick or symptomatic, please stay at home.

Masks are always required while in the building.

The service each week is going to be live streamed and available on our website.

Currently there is to be no hand shaking, friendly hugs, or other contact between people outside of their family.

Signing Up/Attendance for Services

- We require you to sign up for the service and have streamlined this process that will prove helpful for families.
- We will seek to maintain good clear records and appreciate your co-operation in this.

Sunday Morning Worship Service

What should I expect when I arrive at the church on Sunday?

- After parking in the designated area make your way to the front door of the church. 10 Minutes before the start of the service the front doors will be opened and kept open for people to enter.
- After sanitizing your hands please make your way into the Worship Hall and Elder or Leader will assist you in getting to a seat in and then we encourage you to prepare your hearts for worship.
- We are seating people in rows that are properly spaced out and encourage everyone to have three chairs between household/extended household bubbles. For example, in the rows of 13 we can have 2 people on the end, three separated chairs, then three people, three separated chairs, then 2 more people for a total of 7 people on that row. Likewise, if we have two families of 5 separated by three chairs, we have a total of 10 people for that row.

What about singing during the service?

- We encourage you all to bring your own masks.
- We will have disposable masks available in the lobby area if you need.

What about worship through the giving of tithes and offering?

- We encourage people to continue give through e-transfer as this is the safest.
- The debit machine is available but please use the little baggies that are there.
- Checks, debit slips, and cash can be placed in the box located on the table in the Worship Hall.
- We will be praying for the tithes and offering during our service.

What about The Lord's Supper?

- We have purchased prepackaged communion wafers and juice and when they arrive, we look forward to taking part in The Lord's Supper. Details will be shared during the worship service.

What should I expect after the Service is completed?

- We encourage everyone to leave their chairs where they are and have a socially distance mingling fellowship time with others.
- If for physical restrictions, you need access to the handicap doors you are welcome to exit out the front of the building.
- We will instruct everyone at the end of the service on how to safely exit the building through the back doors.

Other Questions?

Where do I park?

- Please use the entire parking lot and observe social distancing as you make your way to the building.

Can you walk me through how I enter the church, enter the worship space, and exit the church?

- We will not have any arrows on the floor and suggest the following flow of people through the building.
 - Enter the building through the opened front doors and move into the Lobby Area. The back doors will be open for the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday Morning.
 - Please acknowledge to the greeters that you are here so they can take down your name for attendance.
 - Locate seats for you and your family in the Lobby with the assistance of the Elder/greeters
 - Following the mingling time, you will be asked to exit the back doors socially distanced and return to your vehicles walking outside and around the building.

What about the washrooms?

- The washrooms are for emergency use only. The washrooms located near the Sunroom are closed.

Where is my weekly printed church bulletin?

- We will have a printed bulletin for you placed on your chair. We encourage you to read your email and contact the office if you have any questions.
- For those without email, a few copies of the bulletin and sermon notes will be available.
- There will be sermon handout for children to write on if parents so choose. Please bring your own pens, pencils, or pencil crayons.

Will there be any refreshments?

- There will be no serving of any refreshments at this time.
- You are welcome to bring your own coffee and refreshments if you dispose of them properly.