

## **Ebenezer Baptist Church Sunday Service Reopening Guidelines**

The EBC leadership is excited to welcome you back to worship services in the sanctuary starting Sunday September 13. The following guidelines are based on B.C. government and other faith community recommendations to assist your preparations to attend. They may be revised based on new information.

1. We will have a maximum Sunday morning service attendance of 50, including everyone involved.
2. It is very important that you do not attend if you have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, feel unwell or have had possible contact with anyone with CoVid-19. We also encourage those at higher risk to continue to participate in worship via the online broadcast of the service.
3. **You will need to register for space(s) for the upcoming Sunday service by phoning or emailing the church office (604-324-7674) between 9 am Wed and 12 pm Sat.** Your message will need to include the first and last names of each person attending with you and a contact phone number. If you cannot come, please call back to cancel so others can be given the space.
4. We ask that you do not come without registering first and those who do will be asked to wait outside until the service starts to see if there are any available spots.
5. Windows and doors will remain open when possible during the service to increase ventilation. Please bring appropriate clothing for a possible cooler temperature.
6. We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask and to keep it on while in the building and socializing outside. Please bring your own mask, but we will have disposable masks available.
7. The church doors will open after 10:00 am and there will be signs to assist in keeping a safe distance apart, before and during entry.
8. **Please enter via the main Fraser St. doors only.** There may be a slight wait as the ushers assist you to check in and will offer you hand sanitizer before coming into the sanctuary.
9. Offering envelopes will be offered on arrival. If you wish to make an offering on Sunday, please leave your envelope in the offering box as you enter or exit the service. We also continue to encourage giving by mail to the church office or via Interac e-transfer.
10. Soon after arrival, you will be directed to an available seat which will be marked to ensure proper distancing. Family/same household members should sit together to maximize space. Please remember to maintain social distancing throughout the service of at least 2 meters.
11. Please continue to avoid greetings involving physical or close contact (hugs, handshakes, etc).
12. B.C. health continues to recommend that due to increased risk there be no congregational singing. At this time only the worship team or other musicians will sing to lead us in worship. Humming, moving in place, or voicing the words without projection are options to join in expressing your worship during the songs.
13. The church will be cleaned and disinfected according to the Government recommendations before and after each service. The washrooms are cleaned regularly, but please only use them if necessary.
14. We will be using pre-packed individual sets of bread and juice for our Communion services.
15. At the end of the service please stay in your seat until you are directed to leave.
16. Sunday School is also being planned for Sunday mornings. The nursery and Noah's Place will not be open at this time. More information to come.
17. A weekly EBC bulletin including announcements and prayer requests will be available for pick up and will also be posted online.
18. We encourage you to socialize outside after the service, while still maintaining social distancing.

During this time of smaller in person services, the recorded services will also continue to be found online.