

VALLEYVIEW BIBLE CHURCH

COVID-19 FALL PROTOCOL

Valleyview Bible Church is taking steps to allow increased Sunday Service (including Sunday School) attendance.

Also, on a trial basis, we will encourage mid-week use. The online service will continue for those that are not attending in person.

This is a flexible plan that will be modified and added to as time progresses

Entrance:

- Sanitizing – please ensure that hands are sanitized upon entry
- Minimize congregating in the foyer. Please move immediately to the Sanctuary

Sanitizing:

- hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance, in the Sanctuary and in the bathroom
- thorough cleaning will be done of bathrooms, chairs, handles, light switches and high contact surfaces prior to the service
- doors to outside will be propped open before and after the service
- doors to the sanctuary will be left open

Social distancing:

- no singing by the congregation (this is seen as a high-risk activity)
- the worship team will continue as usual but with extra spacing between the singers and congregation
- social distancing of 6 feet while on the church property
- people will be asked to arrive by 10-10:15 to allow time for check-in and seating
- cluster seating will be set up for family groups
- face masks are optional
- some cloth face masks will be available at the church if people do not have their own
- people are encouraged to stagger their parking spots

Number of attendees is a total of 50 per area :

- the number of people required to run the service (possibly 9 to 12) will be included in the 50 person total to attend Sunday Service in the Sanctuary.
- We will also have an overflow room. Persons using the overflow room will use the East entrance and the washrooms in the hallway
- Joni will directly invite people to the upcoming service
 - this will be done by phone or email
- a master list will be used to invite people
 - this will include people whose names are in the church directory as well as people who contact Joni directly to have their names added
- people invited to the service will need to confirm their plan to attend by Thursday morning so all spots can be filled
- attendees will be directed to review the COVID-19 questionnaire prior to the service
 - the greeter will then review the questionnaire with each attendee and record the answers
- the list of each Sunday's attendees and contact information must be kept for at least 30 days to comply with the BC Health Authority

Washroom use:

- people in the Sanctuary are to use the Nursery washroom ONLY
- an usher will oversee people leaving the service to use the washroom
- the nursery washroom will be available for use for the main Sanctuary
- disinfectant wipes and paper towels will be available
- washrooms in the hall will be used for the overflow rooms and Valleyview Kids Sunday School

Sunday school:

- Every second Sunday beginning September 27th
- Email Joni at jonivbc@gmail.com to sign up
- Please see Website for further details

Chair set up:

- Chairs are set up for social distancing and to allow for people to sit within their social bubble
- children in service are to stay close to parents

Offering:

- offering basket will be at the back of the sanctuary, overseen by an usher
- people can place their offering in the basket as they leave the service

Coffee:

- there will be no coffee available at the church

Fellowship:

- this can occur outside with social distancing or from your seat in the church

Communion:

- Communion service is on the first Sunday of every month
- bring your own elements for Communion

Church Furnace, filters and fans:

- overhead fans will not be used as they increase the travel of droplets
- furnace filters will be upgraded to MERV 13

Ushers:

- ushers will be sanitizing their hands as needed (as masks are not mandatory we are not enforcing this)
- ushers will sign people in and give a verbal reminder to sit and stay within their group
- ushers will oversee people leaving their seats to use the washroom
- ushers will oversee the offering at the end of the service
- ushers will monitor social distancing (people waiting to enter the church and visiting)

Aerosol Mitigation – muffle coughs & sneezing:

- 1. No fans 2. Building pre-heated before service 3. No singing

COVID-19 QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Have you been out of the Province in the past two weeks prior to this service?
2. Are you experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms such as flu or cold symptoms, sore throat or fever, sore chest or difficulty breathing?
3. Have you been in contact with anyone experiencing any of these symptoms within the past 2 weeks?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions we ask you not to attend the in-person service. Thank you.