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## **COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN**

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To all parishioners of ***Church of the Good Shepherd:***  
THIS IS YOUR COPY. PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU.

### **\*\*\*item #16 is updated info**

1. Beginning Saturday December 26 there will be a different schedule of weekly Masses and new Covid-19 Lockdown restrictions will apply.
2. Please check the Church website frequently. Once the schedule of Masses appears on the website you may call 289-356-4320 to book a seating space for any Mass listed. Without a booking you risk being turned away at the door since maximum seating capacity under new rules is 10 persons. You may call and have your name put on a waitlist for any Mass that is listed as FILLED. Please keep track of your booked space and show up as arranged. Contact us immediately if you cannot make it as arranged.
3. Church of the Good Shepherd has developed a COVID-19 Safety Plan in order to comply with Ontario Government restrictions for the current lockdown. This Safety Plan includes some new procedures related to entry into the building before Mass. Your patience and co-operation is requested in the following manner:
4. Please arrive for Mass at least fifteen minutes prior and remain in your vehicle until 10-15 minutes before the start of Mass, at which time you are asked to proceed to the sidewalk in front of the Church.
5. A Church official will guide you into the lineup, instruct you to social distance and provide a short Covid-19 Lockdown Briefing so that all government regulations can be observed and so that you are accurately informed of your rights. No questions will be asked of you in this briefing.
6. Immediately following the briefing you will be directed to enter the Church.
7. Please plan accordingly. It is very important that everyone arriving for Mass attend the Briefing. After attending two or more briefing sessions, you will be added to an exemption list so that in future you will not be required to attend these sessions.
8. Relevant Covid-19 posters will be placed at the exterior door entrance and at other appropriate locations inside of the Church.
9. The Church entrance door will be locked until such time as the Church Marshall conducts the briefing and leads parishioners into the Church.

10. If you have any of the Covid-19 symptoms listed on the poster referred to in the Briefing you are instructed by the Government of Ontario to stay home and arrange to get tested.
11. All individuals who attend public gatherings of 10 persons as outlined in lockdown regulations are required to wear a mask or face covering before entering the building.
12. Persons may be exempt from the wearing of a mask for health or religious reasons and no proof will be required of the individual. Those with exemptions cannot be barred from attending the event. Under government regulations, all persons must be allowed to access services.
13. All parishioners will be informed at the Briefing that there are masks and sanitizer available immediately upon entering the building, in the foyer.
14. Upon entering the Church sanctuary parishioners are asked to please take a seat as quickly as possible and remember to socially distance from anyone else who does not live with you. Parishioners are reminded to maintain social distancing as well at the Communion rail. Only family members should be kneeling closely together.
15. Parishioners will also maintain social distance if they converse with others after Mass concludes. Parishioners are asked to not congregate anywhere outside the Church building after exiting the Church but instead immediately proceed to their vehicles.
16. \*\*\*Washroom may be accessed by means of staircase to the basement, located at rear of sanctuary. **Be sure to wear a mask when entering the downstairs area** because a group separate from the Church occupies that area and may insist on mask-wearing.
17. All those in attendance should exit the Church at least five minutes earlier than the next scheduled Mass to avoid mingling with the next group of Mass goers.
18. Since most Masses will have no collection of offerings, parishioners are asked to please use donation box on pamphlet table.
19. Mass pamphlets will be passed out at the Briefing so that parishioners need not look for printed handouts and instead may quickly proceed to their seats. A small postie will be attached to each pamphlet. Parishioners are to place a postie on their pew to mark their seating position so that their pew may be quickly recognized and sanitized after they leave their space at end of Mass.
20. A Church Marshall will ensure that all appropriate areas are sanitized after the Mass and before new Mass-goers are permitted inside the Church.
21. All parishioners should consult website frequently for updated Mass schedules and any updated procedures. Remember that once the schedule of Masses appears on the website you may call 289-356-4320 to book a seating space for any Mass listed.