

## **Re-opening Task Force January 2022 Update - maintaining our Covid vigilance**

January has seen the highest Covid case load in Calgary since the beginning of the pandemic. Although the Calgary Covid case numbers are dropping the end of January, they are still at historically high levels.

However, we have made some adaptations while maintaining our Covid vigilance. We have continued with in-person Sunday services while continuing with our on-line church services. There is a group within our congregation that want to continue in-person services and others who prefer to worship on-line. To maintain social distancing, sanctuary capacity has been held at 1/3 of fire rated capacity.

Since the church re-opened last year for in-person services, our protocols have been adaptive to the best medical information available. We will continue following AHS directives and The City of Calgary's guidelines and restrictions. There is some discussion at modifying and relaxing some Provincial Covid protocols. At this time, St. Andrew's will maintain its current Covid protocols. These are:

- Vaccination verification and using sanitizer is required for all worshippers for entry into the church.
- Masking is required while in the building, including during worship.
- Congregational singing is allowed, but masks must be worn.
- No food or beverage consumption

As the Covid situation in Calgary and Alberta continues to evolve, updates will be provided.

Please follow the updates.

Respectively Submitted  
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