

# Guidelines for Places of Worship

- ✓ Places of worship are permitted to open for weddings, funerals, services, rites or ceremonies operating at a maximum of 30% building capacity. Post signage at the entrance indicating maximum allowable occupancy.
- ✓ Outdoor ceremonies and services are limited to 50 attendees.
- ✓ Indoor and outdoor receptions before or after a service/ceremony are limited to 10 people.



Stay home if you're sick.



All individuals, including children, employees and volunteers, should be screened prior to entry, each day they attend services. Post signage at entrance and throughout the facility.



Maintain a record of all individuals who attend services or enter the facility (including names, contact information, dates and times) for contact tracing.



Recommend vulnerable individuals take part in virtual or drive-in services or offer a dedicated service for them.



Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue in the garbage and practice hand hygiene; if tissue is not available, sneeze into your sleeve or arm.



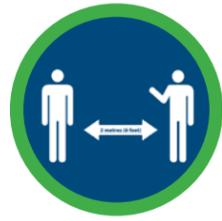
Avoid touching the face (eyes, nose and mouth).



Ensure properly stocked and frequently cleaned and disinfected handwash and/or hand sanitizer stations are made available at the entrance and throughout the facility for everyone to wash/sanitize their hands as required.



Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces/equipment and washrooms at least twice daily and after every religious service.



Maintain physical distancing by keeping 2 metres (6 feet) apart between all individuals not in the same household.



Ensure seating allows for 2 metres (6 feet) physical distancing between families (e.g. using every other row, rearrange seating, remove seating, mark unavailable).



The use of non-medical face masks is recommended where physical distancing is not possible or difficult to maintain.



Suspend sharing equipment and/or food (e.g. drinking from chalice, passing collection basket, passing candle, kissing sacred items).



Suspend social gatherings before or after in-person services, including those where food and drink are shared.



Suspend indoor singing activities or choir service. For outdoor singing activities and choir service, ensure physical distancing.



Suspend regular childcare and children's programming.



Be aware of the most current, credible public health information/recommendations.



[durham.ca/novelcoronavirus](https://durham.ca/novelcoronavirus)

Durham Health Connection Line | 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

