

TENTHCHURCH

We have been praying and seeking God for his leading as our Province begins to reopen. While we are excited to make plans for us to gather in-person again, we also want to do so carefully and slowly, our priority is to create a safe and welcoming place for our community to meet together. We want to continue to keep people safe and help prevent the spread of Covid-19, and so Tenth will strictly adhere to the guidelines and recommendations from BC's Provincial Health Officer. The provincial government has allowed gatherings of less than 50 people, and we want to give you an update on what this means for gathering in-person at Tenth Church.

The situation surrounding Covid-19 is constantly evolving, and as guidelines and circumstances change, our protocols may change as well. During this time, please remember there are no perfect solutions, and we are all doing our best to *love our neighbours* - to care for, and to be kind to one another. Any further changes to our operations will be made based upon the guidelines and recommendations provided by our government and health authorities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact tenth@tenth.ca or call the church office at 604-876-2181.

The following will be adhered to for all gatherings at Tenth Church:

Health and Safety Protocols

- Signage and required physical distancing measures are in place
- Increased daily sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles
- Anyone who attends a gathering in our building will need to "sign in", leaving us their name and contact information
- Due to a higher likelihood of virus transmission, singing will not be permitted at this time
- Masks will be made available for anyone who wants one, but are not required at this time
- Please stay home if you have any cold symptoms (i.e. cough, runny nose, fever), have travelled outside the city in the last 14 days, or have had close contact with anyone with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19
- Coffee, tea, water and other refreshments will not be served during worship services
- We encourage you to bring your own food, beverage and utensils for events
- For events with catered food, there will be one or two designated food handlers to serve food

Physical Distancing Measures

- Only gather in rooms where proper social distancing is possible
- Clearly marked entrances and exits to allow for proper traffic

- Only one person is permitted on the stairs, in the elevator and other “one-person” zone areas
- Similar to public buses, certain pews in the sanctuary will be marked *off limits*

Personal Hygiene Guidelines

- Practice good hygiene: frequent handwashing, avoid touching your face, coughing into your sleeve
- Stay home if you have any cold symptoms or are feeling unwell
- No hand shaking or hugs (please greet one another with a friendly wave and smile)

Frequently Asked Questions

Will you be having in-person Sunday services?

Yes. We will offer in-person services on Sunday at our Mount Pleasant site (50 people maximum including worship team and pastors).

Please note: the services will include live music, responsive prayers, sermon on the big screen, and some (socially distanced) interaction. No singing in a group will be permitted at this time.

Will Kids programming be available for the small Sunday services?

No, Tenth Kids programming will not be available at this time. For Tenth Kids online classes and resources, please visit tenth.ca/kids

Will singing be permitted in the small Sunday services?

At this point, out of an abundance of caution, singing will not be permitted.

Will communion be served at the Sunday service?

Not at this time, though we are exploring safe options to include this.

Will the East Van, Kitsilano and UBC sites have small Sunday service gatherings?

At this time, the only site that is open is our Mount Pleasant (MP) site (11. W. 10th Avenue), anyone is welcome to attend a gathering at the MP site. Our East Van will site will open for services starting in mid-July. Each of the sites will continue to hold zoom and in-person events for their communities. For more info contact your site pastor:

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What about life groups?

Life groups are encouraged to continue meeting online. For life groups wanting to meet in-person, we recommend all group members refer to the BC government and public health websites for the most-up-to-date information and recommended social distancing requirement.

Will you still have online services?

Yes, our online services will still be available every Sunday on our website, on YouTube and through our Facebook Livestreams for the different sites.