

Places of Worship: Summary of Current Public Health Measures (as of February 8, 2020)

Measure	Requirement
Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person attendance for regular worship services is limited to 15% of fire code capacity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Physical distancing of 2 metres is required between congregants of different households. Alternately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual, online or remote services are recommended. • If providing a drive-in service, congregants should not leave their vehicles and the service should adhere to Guidance for Drive In Events.
Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons attending a place of worship are required to wear a mask in compliance with provincial masking requirements. • Faith leaders and other speakers can remove their masks while speaking if there is a distance of 2 metres between the speaking location and other congregants. The speaker must put their mask back on once finished speaking. • Participants are required to mask during singing.
Singing, Music and Live Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congregation singing is strongly discouraged and should not occur whenever possible, at this time. • Group performance activities, such as choir singing and playing music, are permitted if they are normal worship practices and not for the purpose of entertainment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Performers must wear masks at all times.
Wedding / Funeral Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor and outdoor wedding service capacity is limited to 10 persons including officiant, bride/groom and witnesses. • Indoor and outdoor funeral service capacity is limited to 20 persons, not including funeral service or facility staff, clergy, or event organizers who are not invited guests. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Participants must maintain 2 metres of physical distance from other households. • Receptions for wedding and funeral services are prohibited.
Classes and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places of Worship may host in-person faith-based classes and meetings (i.e., Sunday School) may occur with gathering limits of 15% of fire code capacity for the relevant space, masking and physical distancing. • In-person faith group meetings and other religious gatherings at private residences are not permitted.
Children Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators may offer child minding during faith-based programs or classes, in adherence with the Guidance for Daycare/Out of School.