

**The South Gate Presbyterian Church**  
**Protocols for Returning to Worship**  
**September 2021**

- If you are not feeling well please do not come to church that day. You will be asked to answer some health questions when you arrive.
- When you arrive, come to the main door on Clarendon Ave. (front door). All other doors will remain locked and will not be used for entry or exit. The elevator is not available.
- The door will be open. Please line up outside at the 2 metre marks and wait to be invited in. No physical contact such as hugs or handshakes as you greet people (nod, wave or bow instead)
- You will be greeted by an usher, your name will be checked off on a list and you will be directed or escorted to your seat (You probably will not be sitting in your usual seat, some pews will be blocked off)
- You will be required to show **proof of vaccination** before entry into the building. You will be required to **wear a mask**. **Hand sanitizer** will be at the door which you will be instructed to use or use your own at the door. Masks will be available if you have forgotten yours but please try to remember your own mask.
- Please put your offering in the plate when entering – No offering will be collected from the pews.
- **Masks must be worn at all times**. If you have arrived as a family group you must sit as a family group.
- There will be Bibles and Hymn books in the pews. Research has indicated that the virus can live on paper and wood surfaces for up to four days but since we won't be in the sanctuary until the following week we decided to leave the paper products in place. We can sing softly while seated or hum along. (with mask on)
- Please stay in your seat and do not visit anyone.
- One bathroom will be designated for South Gate member's use. When you are done in the bathroom please turn on the tap, wash your hands, use paper towel to dry hands then still using this towel turn off the tap and open the bathroom door. You can discard the paper towel in bin outside the door.
- When the service has concluded the congregation will be dismissed starting with the back row. Please wait until you are instructed to leave. We will be exiting from the same door you entered. Please use the **hand sanitizer on the way out**.
- No coffee hour for the foreseeable future. There will be no use of the kitchen or any other room in the church (except one bathroom).

We are hoping to continue with online Zoom worship and will let you know about the availability.