

Covid & General Health Safety Plan

Policies have been developed for three categories of building use:

1. Carlisle and Kilbride Church Worship, Meetings, and Church-Sponsored Events
2. Carlisle and Kilbride Renters and Building Users
3. Carlisle and Kilbride Church Staff

1. Carlisle/Kilbride United Church Worship, Meetings, and Church-Sponsored Events

1.1 Protections and Covid Awareness

Vaccination prerequisites and contact tracing is no longer required.

Face coverings will be strongly encouraged while inside the building.

Hand sanitizer and masks will be provided at building entrances.

Self-monitoring for Covid will be strongly encouraged prior to entering the building.

Food and beverages may be consumed inside the building while minimizing direct handling (use of tongs and other devices is encouraged.)

1.2 Physical Distancing

While physical distancing is an important element in minimizing exposure, it is no longer necessary to keep 6 ft (2m) distance between persons. If feasible, consideration should continue to be given to holding events outdoors, or in spaces where windows and doors can be opened.

- Worship:
 - A single point of entry to the place of worship and a separate point of exit are encouraged, if feasible.
 - The offering plate will be placed at the entrance or exit of the building.

1.3 Cleaning and Disinfecting

Room users are encouraged to clean the room after use. Surfaces most likely to become contaminated include, doorknobs, railings, elevator buttons, light switches, toilet and faucet handles, electronic devices and tabletops. Good handwashing technique posters will be displayed in the building.

Soap and water is sufficient for most surfaces. If bacterial contamination is suspected, a bleach solution should be used.

- Ontario Health Cleaning and Disinfecting Links:

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-environmental-cleaning.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/factsheet-covid-19-hand-hygiene.pdf?la=en>

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1.4 Best Practices

The use of best practices is encouraged at all times to minimize risk of infection spread for any communicable disease.

- Individuals should self-monitor prior to attending an event, especially if the event involves larger attendance/crowding.
- People should feel comfortable asking someone to put on a face covering if excessive sneezing, coughing, discharge is noted or ask the individual to remain at/return to home.

2. Carlisle and Kilbride Renters and Building Users

Renters and building users must have policies in place to meet or exceed government and local health regulations. Where an organization has an insurance policy, we ask them to add on their policy "*Kilbride United Church*" or "*Carlisle United Church*" as *Additional Insured*. Private individuals will be directed to consult their home insurance policy for liability.

For further information and assistance, a suggested template has been developed and is attached.

3. Carlisle and Kilbride Staff

Staff are not required to wear a face covering while interacting with others but are encouraged to follow safe practices.

PPE, hand sanitizer, and cleaning/sanitizing supplies shall be kept on site.

Staff are encouraged to use public health covid test kits. In the event of a positive test, staff are to inform M&P and follow all provincial and municipal guidelines with respect to self-isolation. Return to work inside the building/s should be preceded by a negative COVID rapid test.

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