

Stamford Lane COVID-19 Safety Plan

This document describes the basic steps Stamford Lane United Church, Niagara Falls, is taking to reduce the risk of the staff and participants from contracting Covid-19 while enabling the use of the building for worship, programs and rental space when possible, under changing safety regulations.

- As The COVID-19 pandemic is continually evolving – we review this plan regularly and make changes as required by referring to the Ontario government’s COVID-19 website for up-to-date information. We continue to review information from Federal, Provincial and United Church websites for guidance and update and have been in contact with Public Health Niagara Region in preparing this update.

Updated March 2022 by: Rev Harvey Tobey
following revision by Church Council March 2, 2021

MOTION: That Council continue its current policy regarding full vaccination (2 doses) another month, for everyone aged 12 and over, checking vaccination proof, and with no assigned seating but encouragement of distance: and b) to continue Sunday School in the gym. Carried

MOTION: That we delay the starting of Coffee Hour, to be reviewed at our next Council meeting, April 6th, 2022. Carried

Everyone is encouraged to get their vaccinations because children under 5 can not.

Proof of Vaccination is required at the door.

Use of Masks is required and available at the door.

Use of Sanitizer is available at the door.

- **The church requires anyone renting space within the building** to be responsible for informing their users as to how to keep themselves safe from exposure to COVID-19, and to provide whatever is required to do so to the best of their ability.
- Non-essential renters require vaccination and mask

Distancing

is not required but is encouraged.

Everyone is to feel free to move around to find their own personal distance comfort.

Singing and speaking without mask

will be limited to the Worship Leaders who are distancing.

Everyone else is required to wear a mask when singing or speaking.

Choir Practice and other church Programs

will be held in large rooms.

Assessment of the risks:

Sitting with other people for long periods of time may increase risk of infection.

The printer/copier, Office Computer, filing cabinets and office desk,

Projection laptop and sound board are shared.

Disinfecting wipes are provided for wiping before use. Hand sanitizer provided.

Piano is shared by only Linda and Sara

Organ is shared by Linda and a student

Lucie shall wipe with soap and water before use change.

Regular maintenance

of the building, fire and elevator inspections are taking place.

Caretaker, Lucie, has weekly wipe down of commonly used areas in kitchen,

washroom and doors in preparation for Sunday worship.

Washrooms

Upstairs and downstairs washrooms are checked and cleaned at the end of each week for you.

Use of the Building, kitchen and rooms has been reviewed with Niagara Public Health.

They are available for use for activities with proper masks.

Leaders are responsible to inform participants of public health protocol.

Food service by the church is not available at this time, to be reviewed on **April 6**

Signage put at entrances requiring vaccination & masks.

Staff, Volunteers, visitors are reminded to reduce your risk of infection by:

- frequently washing your hands for at least 20 seconds
 - coughing or sneezing into your arm or tissue
 - avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
 - avoid close contact with people who are sick to avoid spreading the illness to others.
 - physically distance from people you do not live with.
 - keep mask on over your nose, mouth and chin while inside with other people.
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- Everyone please use available sanitizer for hands when entering and exiting.
 - Everyone is to stay home when sick.
 - Anyone entering the church building is to inform the church of any positive covid test within 10 days of being present.
 - Regional Health guidelines will be used with confidentiality and other issues.



Entering Stamford Lane United Church you will be asked:

- For Proof of vaccination
- To Please wear a mask
- And to declare if you are well:

Please read the following list of symptoms before you answer that question at the door

Are you experiencing any covid symptoms, Yes, No

A new cough or barking cough (croup),
Headache,
Pink eye,
Shortness of breath
Sore throat
Decrease or loss of taste or smell,
Fever and/or chills,
Difficulty swallowing,
Digestive issues like nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain,
Muscle aches/joint pain,
Extreme tiredness,
Falling down often

Did you have close contact with a person experiencing any new COVID-19 symptoms
Yes, No

Have you been told to isolate? Yes, No

If yes to one or more then: Do not enter the building. Please stay home.

We seek to care for ourselves while caring for each other.
Thank you. *Rev. Harvey Tobey*

The in-person service will be recorded to be posted online after at:
www.StamfordLaneUnited.ca

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