

Some Thoughts About Reopening our Building

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As you may know, Premier Doug Ford announced two days ago that churches and other places of worship will be allowed to open for services at 30% of their capacity beginning this Friday. Knowing that an announcement of this kind might come down at any time, the leadership of Trinity was already working on tentative, initial plans for reopening the building. While we welcome the new freedoms that the recent announcement allows, we have not yet established the many protocols needed to open, nor do we want to rush the process and unnecessarily put the health of our attendees at risk.

We understand that members of the Trinity family are keen to meet with each other as soon as possible, but the meetings currently allowed would require the wearing of masks at all times, would prevent any singing or similar activities, and would require strict social distancing everywhere on the property. As a result, any gatherings would not “feel” anything like the services we remember. In light of the risks for virus transmission that such gatherings would pose and the number of persons in our congregation who would not be advised to attend events of this kind at this point, we have decided to wait a while longer before opening our building.

Some of the technical issues we would need to work through before reopening include pedestrian traffic flow and its management via barriers and personnel, providing masks for those who might arrive without their own, management and steady cleaning of the washrooms, recording the names of all persons in the building in case someone is found at a later date to have had COVID, and live streaming of all services for those who do not attend.

We will let you know as soon as any definite reopening date has been established or any on-property events are scheduled.