

## A MESSAGE ON RETURNING TO USING OUR SPACES ON 45<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

At its meeting on June 24, Council adopted a Plan for allowing some of the outside groups who pay to use our spaces to return to some level of use. It also adopted a Plan for allowing our staff to gradually return to some degree of use of the premises.

The Plan for the return of outside groups will be useful as a guide for our own groups when they start to return to use the buildings. That will not be before September at the earliest. Still, prepare to have to follow these rules on coming to join any activity in the Memorial Centre or our other buildings:

1. Participants in groups will need to follow the basic rules of physical distancing, hand washing, etc., that we have all had to adapt to.
2. Participants must not attend if they are sick, have been out of the country, have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, or been told to self isolate within the past 14 days.
3. Participants will need to hand sanitize on arrival.
4. The Church will establish maximum capacity for each of its rooms, **but each group** will need to determine its own maximum capacity based on the activity they do. That maximum cannot be more than the Church sets but may need to be less. For example, the roller skating club plans on returning to use our gym. We have set an interim maximum occupancy limit of 15 people for the gym but the roller skating club is limiting their maximum number to 12 because of the physical movement they will be doing in the space.
5. Those arriving for a group activity should come no more than 10 minutes early and leave promptly when the activity ends.
6. Each group will need a door person to explain the social distance rules, screen for health issues, direct participants to masks and hand sanitizer, and direct into the activity space. That person will also likely take attendance.
7. Each group will need someone in charge of knowing who attends and obtain contact information in case there is a need for contact tracing after the event.
8. When an event is over, the chairs and tables used will need to be wiped clean with sanitizer by the participants where hands have been in contact. Contact surfaces like doorknobs, water faucets, etc. should be wiped with disinfectant provided.
9. Participants will be encouraged to bring their own masks.
10. Circulation direction arrows should be on the floors of the buildings used. Those will need to be followed, for example in using the washrooms and returning to the activity.
11. Kitchens and food in general are off limits. Food and beverage sharing will definitely be off limits. Participants should bring their own water.

Finally, this is about returning to group activities, generally in smallish groups, **not** about returning to worship. Others will have more to say about what will be needed for us to return to worship over the summer.