

ST. ELIAS CONVENTION CENTRE / BILL BREWSTER ARENA MEZZANINE
FAITH-BASED SERVICE GUIDELINES – COVID-19 PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

The following information is excerpted from the Yukon Government COVID-19 webpages. It is provided for general guidance. It is the responsibility of each organizer and attendee of a gathering in a Village facility to ensure that their practice meets or exceeds the regulations and recommendations of the Yukon Government which are in place at the time of their event.

This document is divided into three (3) parts:

1. Responsibilities of Organizers
2. Responsibilities of Attendees
3. Responsibilities of Village of Haines Junction

REPONSIBILITIES OF ORGANIZERS

Operational Plans

- Organizers must complete an operational plan. The plan should be available if Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board (YWCHSB) staff visit the place of worship. A template is available online (<https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/operating-businesses-safely-during-covid-19>).

Restrictions

- Guests must be seated and not mingling.
- 200 people with physical distancing between people who are not in the same social bubble.

Attendee Reminder

Remind guests to stay home if they:

- are sick;
- have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- travelled to an area which requires self-isolation on return.

Hand Sanitizer

- Make sure hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol is available.
- Have it at entrances and exits of the rental venue for guests.

Masks

- The Chief Medical Officer strongly recommends the wearing of masks in indoor public spaces and to avoid the 3Cs: Closed spaces with poor ventilation, Crowded spaces; and Close contact.
- Provide masks for any attendees who do not have one.

Promote Physical Distancing (two metres/ six feet)

You can promote physical distancing by:

- arranging tables and chairs to allow room for physical distancing;
- assigning seating to ensure members of the same social bubble sit together;
- placing signs near entrances that inform guests of the physical distancing measures in place and providing verbal reminders;
- maintaining a single point of entry into the rental venue;
- regulating entry, including lines and waiting areas, to prevent congestion;
- considering use of a 1-way traffic flow;
- making sure washrooms are available for use at all times; and
- reminding attendees to avoid gathering before or after the faith-based activity.

Record Keeping

- Keep the names and contact information of service attendees for contact tracing. Keep the records for a minimum of 21 days.

Food and Drink

- Limit the number of people handling or serving food and prevent physical contact between servers and congregants.
- Serve drinks and food directly to attendees in pre-packaged or individual portions.
- Do not provide open self-serve food (including refill stations, condiment stations, salt and pepper shakers, water pitchers, snacks, etc.).

Ceremonial Practices and Live Music

- Ceremonial objects and hands must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use.
- Donation collection plates or baskets are not to pass between congregants. Online donations or a designated area to place offerings or donations is recommended.
- Tell congregants to perform their ablutions at home.
- Minimize physical contact during rituals and increase hand hygiene when this is not possible.
- Do not hand out or share items if they cannot be cleaned and sanitized before and after each use.
- Do not share microphones between people. These are difficult to clean and disinfect. Limit the number of people providing readings or speeches that need a microphone.
- Congregants should bring their own items. Do not share books and prayer mats.
- Discard printed materials after service is complete.
- Limit the number of people singing or playing woodwind or brass instruments in the same place or the same time.
- Increase the distance between the singer(s) and the congregation.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATTENDEES

When not to Attend

Do not attend an faith-based gathering if you:

- have any symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease;
- are required to self-isolate due to travel within the last 14 days;
- had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- have been directed to self-isolate by Yukon Communicable Disease Control.

Masks

- The Chief Medical Officer strongly recommends the wearing of masks in indoor public spaces and to avoid the 3Cs: Closed spaces with poor ventilation, Crowded spaces; and Close contact.

How to interact with others

- Handshaking, hugging, touching or passing objects between people are not permitted.
- Use verbal greetings and wave to other guests.
- Maintain physical distance of 2 metres/six feet and limit contact with people who are not in your social bubble:
 - be particularly mindful in areas where it is harder to keep distance, such as:
 - parking lots; and
 - entry points and exit points.
- Sit with members of your social bubble as much as possible.
- Practise proper hygiene, this includes:
 - hand washing;
 - coughing or sneezing into your elbow; and
 - avoiding touching your face.
- Limit contact with commonly touched surfaces or shared items

Feeling sick before, during or after a gathering?

- Use the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or contact your health care provider for guidance.
- If you become ill while at an organized or social gathering you should go home immediately. This should be in a private vehicle if possible.

Wash your hands

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer. This is recommended:

- before eating food; or
- after touching surfaces such as:
 - hand railings;
 - light switches;
 - elevator buttons;
 - ceremonial objects;

- door handles; and
- toilets.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF VILLAGE OF HAINES JUNCTION.

Signage

- Post signs at entrances advising guests who arrive with symptoms to return home.
- Post signs indicating the entrance and exit doorways to the event.
- Post signs indicating that mask use is encouraged.

Equipment

- Provide chairs and tables adequate for the event
- Arrange tables and chairs to allow room for physical distancing if table and chair-set up requested.

Washrooms

- Make sure washrooms have liquid soap, paper towels and toilet paper.
- Make sure warm running water is available.
- Provide single-use hand towels or paper towels for drying hands so guests do not share a towel.
- Increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting washrooms.

Cleaning and disinfecting

- General cleaning and disinfecting should occur after every event.
- Cleaning and disinfecting should follow the Yukon Government workplace cleaning and disinfecting guidelines.
- High traffic areas, surfaces and objects such as door handles, light switches, counters and faucets should be cleaned and disinfected.
- If items such as tablecloths and linen napkins are used, they should be washed, cleaned and sanitized after the event if they are reusable.
- Garbage bins should be emptied frequently. Gloves should be used when removing garbage bags or handling and disposing of trash and hands should be washed after taking off the gloves.