

Proof of Vaccination

April 1, 2022

As of Sunday April 10, proof of vaccination will no longer be required for worship and church events. The only exception, is anyone leading in TK Kids will continue to require proof of vaccination at this time. We continue to encourage everyone to be fully vaccinated.

Wellington Square will still require wearing of masks in the church until further notice. Until masks are no longer required, we ask that you please do not bring any food or drink into the church on Sunday with the exception of a water bottle if needed. Starting on Palm Sunday, both the Rear-Kitchen and Narthex entrances will open for worship.

Your Re-Opening Committee: Gary Brown, Wendy Alexopoulos, Catherine Wagg, Kim Belanger, Lisa Lunski, Rev. Diane Walker

Masks at Wellington Square

March 18, 2022

As of Monday March 21, The Ontario government is lifting the mandate requiring people to wear masks in most locations. Wellington Square will still require wearing of masks in the church until further notice. This is based on feedback received from our survey a couple of weeks ago and out of caution and concern for everyone's safety.

The re-opening team will be revisiting proof of vaccination at the end of March and will update everyone after that. Proof of vaccination is required until at least Sunday April 10, 2022.

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We Are Returning to In-Person Worship! February 24, 2022

The health and well-being of our church family remains our top priority as we respond to the evolving developments in this COVID-19 pandemic. We wish to thank all of you who participated in the brief survey distributed. Your responses provided valuable insight to help shape our next steps as plans unfold once again as we return to in-person worship.

Summary of Survey Results:

An abbreviated summary of the survey results is shown below.

- 97 responses
- Ready to return to in-person worship: Yes: 84%, No: 16%
- Support continuing proof of vaccination: Yes: 66%, No: 20%, Neutral/No Opinion: 14%

Full survey results and graphs are below.

The Plan – February 27 through April 10:

Starting Sunday Feb 27, we will be opening the doors for both the 9am and 11am worship services. For the period of Sunday Mar 6 to Sunday Apr 10 inclusive, you will need to continue to show your proof of vaccination, or proof of a valid exemption (i.e. medical or clinical trial exemption) when coming in the doors. Proof will be kept on file, so it will only need to be shown once to the greeters. Inside, wearing of masks is still required, and we will encourage social distancing. There is no requirement to pre-register for a service. And just a reminder that we will just be using the back doors next to the kitchen.

Reassess in Late March:

This plan is fluid. The Re-opening Committee will continue to actively monitor and consult local, provincial, and federal public health agencies for the latest update on COVID-19. We will be meeting to reassess this decision in March and will communicate plans for beyond April 10.

If the government changes the rules for proof of vaccination, masks, or social distancing, does that mean Wellington Square's protocols will change as well?

Not necessarily. The health and safety of all remains our top priority and we may move more cautiously than governments or regions. We know that many communities and businesses are relaxing guidelines quickly, and while this is encouraging, we need to be both measured and flexible with our plans.

Online Worship Continues:

The ability to participate online continues to be important for some of our church members and other participants in vulnerable categories. We will continue to stream both the 9am and 11am services online on the Wellington Square YouTube channel.

Air Purifiers / Sanitizing / Cleaning:

We've purchased 5 new high performance HEPA air purifiers for use throughout the church, including down the TK Kids wing. They will also be available to small groups or during space rentals. This is in addition to the two existing portable units that the Meal Bag Program already acquired. High touch areas will be regularly sanitized / wiped down, and the sanctuary will be cleaned between services.

Treasured Kingdom Kids/Youth:

- all leaders must be vaccinated
- kids aged 5-11: full vaccination must be in place by April 2, 2022
- youth aged 12-18: full vaccination must be in place by March 6, 2022
- all kids and leaders aged 4 and older must wear a mask covering nose AND mouth at all times while in the church and outside with one another
- the nursery/toddler room will be open for children up to age 4
- all areas will be sanitized and wiped down before and after kids leave; everyone will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer/wash hands with soap and water on a regular basis
- all entering the church, 5 years and older, must show proof of vaccination when coming in (proof will be kept on file and only needed to be shown once, unless a second vaccine is given).
- TK Kids, Youth, and leaders will be the only ones permitted in the TK Kids wing

- parents/guardians are asked to sign kids in at the check-in table, and then take them to the Pritchard Room before entering the sanctuary. After worship is over, kids can be signed out and picked up at the sign-in table
- we won't be having any snacks or drinks while in TK Kids (nursery aged will be permitted to have bottles)
- children will not be entering the sanctuary at any time on a Sunday morning; if a parent is needed, our pager system will be used, or a leader will collect the parent

May the Lord, in His great wisdom, make straight our paths and bless us with continued understanding, patience and cooperation as we proceed cautiously but optimistically in our faith community.

For further clarification, please contact the church office.

Your Re-Opening Committee:

Gary Brown (Chair), Wendy Alexopoulos, Catherine Wagg, Kim Belanger, Lisa Lunski, Rev. Diane Walker