



# MINNEDOSA UNITED CHURCH



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Autumn greetings!

Hello everyone! Here's hoping you have been able to enjoy these past few weeks of warm weather.

October 5<sup>th</sup> brought a new set of Public Health Orders from the Province of Manitoba. Gathering sizes under the new restrictions are dependent upon whether there are unvaccinated (but eligible) people as part of the group.

Our Church Council met on Wednesday evening to discuss the new orders and their impact on our operations here at Minnedosa United.

What will remain the same: mask use is mandatory - masks must be worn at all times, and each individual is requested to use hand sanitizer upon entry. Everyone will be asked to sign-in (a record of names and phone numbers of those in attendance will be kept for 21 days for contact tracing purposes). Our building continues to have a policy requiring anyone who enters to be fully vaccinated for Covid 19. Children under 12 yrs. are welcome if accompanied by a vaccinated adult.

What is new: We are now required to see your proof of vaccination – a vaccine card or digital QR code, along with one piece of identification.

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

Pre-registration is no longer necessary. Arrive any time before 11 am. Wear a mask, sanitize your hands, show your proof of vaccination & ID, get signed-in and be seated with your household. Physical distancing (maintaining a separation of 2 meters between households) is to be observed. Those sitting in the pews may sing quietly behind your masks. Speakers/singers may remove their mask when standing behind the barrier. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

Those at home may join live with Zoom or watch a recording on Access TV. There will be a YouTube link to a condensed video of the service, shared by email the following Tuesday.

## OFFICE HOURS AND BUILDING USE:

Office hours will be 9am–3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Use the rear entrance when you come to the office. You will need to wear a mask, hand sanitize, sign-in and show proof of vaccination with ID.

The Church Council has agreed to begin having other church activities and other user groups in the facility. These groups will be obliged to follow current Government of Manitoba Public Health Orders, and all participants will need to be fully vaccinated. The office will have a form for the group leader to sign and a handout with guidelines explaining the responsibilities of the person in charge of the event.

Keeping up to date and compliant with current health orders has been an ongoing priority for the Church Council. Our aim is to be as welcoming as can be, while ensuring a safe environment for all. We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend, with abundant opportunities for moments of gratitude!

Blessings,

Minnedosa United Church Council