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Communicable Disease Plan

Crossroads United Church amends our Communicable Disease Plan from time to time to ensure compliance with BC Provincial Health Officer directives and to align with current guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control. This plan is set out on the understanding that COVID-19 vaccinations are widely available, that there is a high level of community immunity and that the overall risk of transmission and serious illness has diminished. Regardless, COVID-19 and other communicable diseases continue to circulate. Accordingly, Crossroads will continue to protect its staff, members, adherents and the general public with the following measures:

Stay home when ill. All participants in the life of the congregation including staff, members, adherents and volunteers, are asked to stay home when showing any symptoms of a communicable disease. Anyone with a fever, chills, vomiting, diarrhea, or any other symptom while on the church premises will be directed to go home immediately.

Masks are optional at worship and all other times. We will honour an individual's choice to wear a mask for their own health and to protect the health of others. Our practice of showing care for one another continues.

Refreshments. There are no restrictions on serving refreshments. A hand sanitizing station will be set up adjacent to the refreshment tables.

Hand hygiene remains vitally important to stop the spread of communicable disease. Crossroads will provide hand sanitizing stations upon entry to the building, and encourage all participants in the life of our congregation to wash their hands frequently.

Cleaning and sanitizing of high-touch surfaces will be done by custodial staff on a daily basis, with staff being responsible for wiping down their own desks/computers/phones as their own comfort level dictates. Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily by custodial staff. Only disinfectant with a DIN number ("Lemon Quat") will be used by custodial staff.

Building ventilation is a matter that our Building Maintenance Team attends to at Crossroads. The HVAC system in the entire church building has been properly maintained and balanced by accredited service providers on a regular basis since the redevelopment in 2011.

Vaccination of staff is encouraged, and privacy laws notwithstanding, our culture of respect and care for one another requires that we protect one another by every means available. Our staff are of differing generations, and we are committed to being considerate of one another.