



ANGLICAN EAST NL

COVID19 Update – February 11, 2021

Here are items from the Chief Medical Officer's debriefing of Feb. 10 and how it affects us and our ministries.

As of midnight, February 10, all Church Buildings and Properties within the Metro Area, defined as the Archdeaconry of Avalon, will close and not be accessible to the public. The exceptions to this are as follows:

1. To live stream or record worship services. The people present should only be those necessary to conduct the live stream or recording and may not exceed 10 people in total. No singing is permitted within the church building, although pre-recorded singing is permitted. The use of wind instruments is not permitted. The Chief Medical officer has prohibited in-person gatherings of which singing, or the playing of wind instruments is involved (Bands, Choirs, Music Classes, Performance spaces). The extension of this prohibition dictates that we, likewise, must eliminate singing or the use of wind instruments during in-person gatherings. If using the liturgy for the Holy Eucharist the one presiding over the consecration of the elements is the only person permitted to consume. Eucharist may not be administered to those in attendance. Physical distancing between people must be maintained at all times.

2. Funerals and Weddings may take place. These in-person gatherings are restricted to 10 people in total. No singing is permitted. The use of wind instruments is not permitted. The Chief Medical officer has prohibited in-person gatherings of which singing, or the playing of wind instruments is involved (Bands, Choirs, Music Classes, Performance spaces). The extension of this prohibition dictates that we, likewise, must eliminate singing or the use of wind instruments during in-person gatherings. Administering the Eucharist, or any other liturgical action that compromises physical distancing between people, is not permitted. People must be sat according to household. Physical distancing must be maintained at all times during the gathering.

3. The use or rental of our buildings by Individuals, Entities, Organizations, or Businesses is restricted to Provincially licensed Day Care Providers and/or Elections NL only.

4. Church Offices may remain open yet are not to be accessible to the general public. Clerics and Paid Employees of the Church may utilize the Church Office to perform their day-to-day duties, yet the office is not to be open to the public.

As of midnight, February 10, all Church Buildings and Properties outside the Metro Area, defined as the Archdeaconry of Trinity-Conception-Placentia AND the Archdeaconry of Labrador, are NOT to be used for any of the following activities or gatherings:

Group and team sport and recreation activities; examples would be CLB or Girl Guides, local ball hockey or sports league, yoga and fitness classes, martial arts classes, etc.

Group arts and cultural activities; examples would be bands and choirs, dance classes, concerts, performances, entertainment events, etc. As well, Singing and/or the use of wind instruments during any gathering in our buildings or properties, be it for worship or otherwise, is not permitted.

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Travel

Further to the above, clergy and lay people may not travel to and from the Metro Area, defined as the Archdeaconry of Avalon, for any church related business or activity. The only exception is in the event of a pastoral emergency of which travel to and from the Metro Area is a necessity. With that said, it should be noted that the Bishop and Executive Officer, who travel frequently throughout our Diocese, will not be permitted travel outside the Metro Area until further notice. Any Parish or Congregation in the Archdeaconry of Trinity-Conception-Placentia or the Archdeaconry of Labrador who has a visit or meeting scheduled with either the Bishop or Executive Officer should contact Church House.

Finally

The above remains in effect until further notice. Should further clarification be necessary, or advice sought with respects to your individual situation, please feel free to contact Church House or Reverend Christopher Fowler at reverendchristopher@icloud.com

Blessings,

The Venerable Charlene Taylor
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