



## Notice from Morden Mennonite Church Leadership: November 6, 2020

The Chief Provincial Public Health Officer for Manitoba has set the COVID response level for the Southern Health region to Red, effective Monday, November 9. In light of this, we have made the decision to suspend in-person services effective immediately. There will be no in-person service on November 8, and for as long as we are in critical level Red.

In light of these provincial restrictions, and in the greater interest of safety for the most vulnerable among us as a church, we are implementing the following protocols effective immediately, for as long as these new provincial restrictions are in place:

- **The church building is closed to general access.** The doors will remain locked apart from specific, monitored events. All people in contact with others inside the building will need to wear masks.
- **In-person worship services are suspended.** Online services will continue to be available at [www.mordenmennonitechurch.com](http://www.mordenmennonitechurch.com).
- **All other church programs and meetings (Sunday School, Adult Sunday Study, youth groups, care groups, committee meetings) will not take place in person indoors.** Leaders will communicate to participants whether and how these groups will continue to operate.
- **The Hub is restricted to essential volunteers only, with services accessed by pick-up at the back door.** The exception to this is the Koats for Kids program, where people need to come inside to try on coats. In all instances The Hub will strive to keep the total number inside to 5 persons. Use of entrances and washrooms will be restricted to minimize interaction with other groups. All other current precautions will remain in effect.
- **Music lessons and ensembles can still be offered.** Separate group sizes will be limited to a maximum 5 persons. Use of entrances and washrooms will be restricted to minimize interaction with other groups. All other current precautions will remain in effect.
- **All other community programs and meetings will not take place in person within our church building.** Leaders will communicate to participants whether and how these groups will continue to operate.

Thank you, everyone, for your grace and patience as we continue to work for the common good, and especially the good of the most vulnerable among us and around us. We are doing the work of Jesus!

*These decisions are being made collaboratively by Lisa B. (Church Council Chair) and Michael P. (Lead Pastor), in consultation with Church Council and the Church Ministries Committee as needed. They are monitoring Manitoba Health guidelines on a regular basis, consulting with other local church leaders and church leaders at other Mennonite Church Manitoba churches, and paying attention to how other local groups are responding to this pandemic.*

**\*\*Contact Health Links at 1-888-315-9257 if you have flu-like symptoms.\*\***

**\*\*Check out [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19) for updates from Manitoba Health.\*\***

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