

PERTH-ANDOVER BAPTIST CHURCH
COVID-19 OPERATIONAL PLAN
Updated Friday, January 29th, 2021

PABC will comply with the provisions of the Mandatory Order. Just as viruses can mutate, guidelines related to COVID-19 can change. As an employer, PABC is responsible for keeping up to date on current guidelines and to change plans as required.

Date	Author	Reference Documents
Developed 2020 May 15	M. Bell	https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/eco-bce/Promo/covid-19/covid-op-plan-guide.pdf https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19/measures_businesses.html https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19/community_measures.html https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/eco-bce/Promo/covid-19/guidance-ph-measures.pdf 1-844-462-8387
Update 2020 June 5	M. Bell	https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/faq_religious_services-e.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0moC1tiqBB14krHqZuKQ2vPtWfQOFUyzmzlSaC_sw8-EqBI2cH4Ogiuj4 date June 4, 2020 https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2020.06.0325.html CBAC doc: https://www.facebook.com/atlanticbaptist/photos/a.10150593985861441/10157020507811441/?type=3&th_eater
Update 2020 June 27	M. Bell	https://www.worksafenb.ca/media/60996/embracing-the-new-normal.pdf
Updated 2020 Oct 9	M. Bell	Phone conversations (both Sheila and Rodney) with helpline Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada Facebook post Oct 9, 2020 COVID-19 REGULATIONS— We've received several inquiries regarding the New Brunswick government's mandatory mask order, which came into effect as of midnight last night. As the regulations specify, masks are to be worn at all times in our church facilities, unless you are medically exempt. However, for our church leaders, we have clarified directly with the NB Department of Health that you may remove your mask when you preach or lead other elements of the service (reading, singing, etc). All other guidelines apply for those on the platform. After performing those duties, you must put your mask back on immediately
Update 2020 Nov 27	M. Bell	Region 3 moved to Orange at midnight, Thursday, Nov 26 th , 2020 New Guidance on religious services: https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/eco-bce/Promo/covid-19/placesofworship_masks_faq-e.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1Tnlf-HzjTTREJmHclammtf2CGanffhfQvGlg_WndP1HFxqWNCDOxRsU Email reply to M. Bell from COVID-19 helpline Nov 26, 2020 Clarification at briefing attended by M. Bell Nov 27, 2020
Updated 2021 Jan 19	M. Bell	Region 3 moves to Red at midnight, Tuesday Jan 19 th , 2021 VIRTUAL SERVICES ONLY https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19/recovery.html#red
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RED PLAN

General use of the building:

- building is closed to the public except for certain hours Wednesday when drop-offs can be made to the building
- signage to promote frequent handwashing and directions to hand sanitizer posted
- hand sanitizer minimum 60% alcohol-based readily available inside building
- anyone entering the building to wash hands/use sanitizer upon entry, to avoid touching any surfaces, and to clean any surfaces after use

- anyone who has been outside the province or who is exhibiting symptoms not permitted into the building
- anyone involved in church activities in any location to maintain physical distancing of two metres
- use of washroom permitted providing social distancing and handwashing
- masks required at all times
- anyone entering the building records date, name, and contact phone number for contact tracing

VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ONLY

- essential personnel only including preacher, musician, elder for announcement/prayer, tech person
- essential personnel wearing mask from exiting vehicle to re-entry; all keeping 2 metres distance during entire service
- only individual speaking or singing to remove mask and no one else on platform or within 2 metres during that time
- streamed via Facebook and YouTube

GROUPS

- Small group meetings suspended or moved online during RED phase

OFFERING

- Encourage weekly offerings via e-transfer
- Donations or food bank items to be dropped off at the church Wednesdays between 10-2 – placed on table or desk, not transferred hand to hand

ORANGE PLAN

Sunday morning worship services (indoor) ORANGE PLAN

- conducted on Facebook Live beginning March 22, 2020 as a way to participate from home
- masks worn from exiting vehicles to return to vehicles & throughout entire service
- Contact information collected at entrance
- Church bulletin available for pick-up on a table, not distributed personally
- No congregational or group singing
- Any singer/speaker on the platform must be 4 metres away from congregation
- Congregation to sit in household groupings only
- Tech team = 1 person
- Maximum 50 people at one service

Small group gatherings/leadership meetings/ ceremonies ORANGE PLAN

- All measures followed in regular church services
- currently, church building is not available to groups outside the church
- small meetings and small gatherings only at this time
- no shared food/drinks
- if church is used for a funeral or wedding, maximum 25 participants with all other precautions as for regular services

Youth Group gatherings ORANGE

- Effective Nov 27, no youth group meetings for next 2 weeks while Orange level continues

Receiving donations or payments ORANGE

- Encourage weekly offerings via e-transfer
- Donations or food bank items to be dropped off at the church Wednesdays between 10-2 – placed on table or desk, not transferred hand to hand
- If money is handled, ensure regular handwashing after use or minimum 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer

Church Office

- In the office no mask is required by 1 person working there; if another comes in, both wear masks

HORIZON HEALTH using building for COVID-19 testing beginning January 22, 2021

- areas of the building that are used for testing team are clearly marked off
- anyone needing to enter the building for church reasons during testing hours enters via side door and does not overlap with testing team areas
- testing team areas thoroughly cleaned daily by Horizon Health as per contract
