

AMENDMENTS TO RE-OPENING PLAN
APPROVED BY SESSION AT ITS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

The following motions to amend the Byron United Church Re-Opening Plan were approved by Session at its September 15, 2020 meeting:

MOTION #1 - *"That Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 be added to the Re-Opening Plan approved on August 18, 2020."*

These appendices are as follows:

Appendix 1 - Protocols for Celebrating In-Person Holy Communion

Appendix 2 - Wedding Checklist During COVID-19 Protocol Requirements

Appendix 3 - Protocols and Guidelines for In-Person Tuesday Youth, Sunday School and Sunday Youth

Appendix 4 - Protocols for Byron United Church Food Bank

MOTION #2 - *"That Section 3.a. (**Re-Opening Protocols for In-Person Worship Services**), p. 6, be amended to add a sub-section 7. Inclement Weather Process with wording as follows:*

Added sub-section 7 -

7. Inclement Weather Process

Members and guests will be asked to:

- *Use only the gym doors for entry to the church. All other doors will not be accessible for entry;*
- *Follow all the protocols for in-person worship services;*
- *After completing the registration process, follow the direction of the greeters."*

MOTION #3 - *"That Section 4 (**Protocols and Guidelines for Other In-Person Ceremonies or Rites**), p. 10, be edited in the sections for Weddings and Funerals, in two places:*

a) In the fourth bullet of each section as follows:

Original 4th bullet - *"The officiant is to wear a face covering unless a 6 feet/2 metre distance can always be maintained."*

Amended 4th bullet - *"The officiant is to wear a mandatory face covering unless there is a physical barrier separation (e.g., plexi-glass or other impermeable barrier), or during rituals that involve the mouth."*

b) By adding a fifth bullet below the amended fourth bullet of each section as follows:

Added 5th bullet - *"All persons entering or remaining in the church premises shall wear a mask or face covering which covers the nose, mouth and chin as required by City of London By-law PH-20." "*

MOTION #4 - *"That Section 5 a. (COVID-19 Screening for Staff and Volunteers), p. 14, be amended to change the heading of the third column in the chart from "Signature" to "Contact Number", as is now required for contact tracing."*

MOTION #5 - *"That Section 10 (Preparing the Church Building for Re-Opening), part 4. (Physical Distancing), p. 29 be amended as follows in the last bullet only:*

Original Section 10 (4) - Physical Distancing (last bullet): [page 29] -

- Seating areas to be marked providing necessary physical distancing results in a 3/2/3/2/3/2/3/2/3 pattern on the left side and a 2/3/2/3/2/3/2/3/ pattern on the right side allowing for a potential maximum of 45 spaces, dependent on numbers in families or registration groups.

Amended Section 10 (4) - Physical Distancing (last bullet): [page 29] -

- Seating areas to be marked providing necessary physical distancing results in 14 spaces on the left side and 12 spaces on the right side, plus 5 spaces in the balcony, allowing for a potential maximum of 31 spaces, dependent on numbers in families or registration groups."

AMENDMENT TO RE-OPENING PLAN
APPROVED BY SESSION AT ITS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The following motion to amend the Byron United Church Re-Opening Plan was approved by Session at its November 17, 2020 meeting:

MOTION - *"That Appendices 5 & 6 be added to the Re-Opening Plan approved on August 18, 2020."*

These appendices are as follows:

Appendix 5 - Baptism During Worship Checklist During COVID-19 Protocol Requirements

Appendix 6 - Celebration of Life/Funeral Checklist During COVID-19 Protocol Requirements

AMENDMENTS TO RE-OPENING PLAN
APPROVED BY SESSION AT ITS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30, 2021

The following motions to amend the Byron United Church Re-Opening Plan were approved by Session at its November 30, 2021 meeting:

MOTION #1:

"That Section 10 (*Preparing the Church Building for Re-Opening*), part 4. (*Physical Distancing*), p. 29 be amended as follows:

Original Section 10 (4), as amended September 15, 2020 -

"Protocols from the MLHU require every other pew be left empty to help maintain physical distancing. The sanctuary has 19 rows on one side and 17 rows on the AV side. That leaves 9 usable rows on the former and 8 usable rows on the latter (even rows only).

- The first pew on each side is to be left empty to allow for physical distancing from the Chancel area;
- Seating areas to be marked providing necessary physical distancing results in 14 spaces on the left side and 12 spaces on the right side, plus 5 spaces in the balcony, allowing for a potential maximum of 31 spaces, dependent on numbers in families or registration groups."

Amended Section 10 (4) - (Physical Distancing) [page 29] -

"While proof of vaccination is required for attendance at worship, physical distancing of 3-feet in all directions will be required in all pews in the sanctuary, both on the floor level and in the balcony. Seating areas will be marked by alternating with two seating spaces in one row, at either ends, and one seating space in the next pew in the centre, continuing this pattern through all pews."

MOTION #2:

"That Section 3.a. (*Re-opening Protocols for In-Person Worship Services*), part C.1. (*Arriving at Byron United Church*), p. 4 be amended in the second, third and fourth bullets as follows:

Original Section C.1, second, third and fourth bullets -

- "Use only the front entry doors to the church. All other doors will not be accessible for entry;"
- "Enter the gym doors only if the use of the elevator is necessary. (A greeter will be available at the gym door to assist those needing to use the elevator);"
- "Arrive up to 20 minutes before the worship service begins;"

Amended Section C.1, second, third and fourth bullets -

- "Use only the gym entry doors to the church. All other doors will not be accessible for entry;"
- "A greeter will be available at the gym door to assist those needing to use the elevator;"
- "Arrive up to 30 minutes before the worship service begins;"

MOTION #3:

"That Section 3.a. (*Re-opening Protocols for In-Person Worship Services*), part C.4. (*During the Worship Service*), p. 5 be amended in the fourth bullet as follows:

Original Section C.4, fourth bullet -

"Refrain from singing. Soloists, choir members, instrumentalists or instrumental music may be used during the worship service. This will be done at a safe distance from the congregation."

Amended Section 3.4, fourth bullet -

"Singing while wearing a mask is permissible for attendees. Soloists, choir members, instrumentalists or instrumental music may also be used during the worship service. This will be done at a safe distance from the congregation."

MOTION #4:

"That Section 3.b. (*Registration and RSVP for Worship Services*), p. 7 be amended as follows:

Original Section 3.b.

"Registration and RSVP for Worship Services
(To be placed on website to direct decision-making of members)

"Before you (and members of your registration group or family) consider attending the in-person worship services, please answer yes or no to the following questions:

- Have you been outside Ontario in the past 14 days? Y/N
- Have you been in close contact with someone with confirmed or possible COVID-19? Y/N
- Have you been asked to self-isolate in the past 14 days? Y/N
- Are you experiencing symptoms such as dry or chronic cough, chills, headache, fever, fatigue, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste or smell, sore throat, muscle aches, nausea or diarrhea, conjunctivitis, headache, rash or discolouration of fingers or toes? Y/N

If you answered **NO** to all of the above, you are welcome to register for in-person worship services.

If you answered **YES** to any of the above, please continue to use our YouTube video service or request a DVD."

If you are 60 or older and/or have a pre-existing condition such as high blood pressure, cardiac problems, diabetes, asthma, respiratory illness or are immune-compromised, we recommend you continue to use our YouTube video service or request a DVD."

Amended Section 3.b.

"Registration and RSVP for Worship Services
The church will continue to use an RSVP process for registration for worship services. The screening questions will be revised periodically to conform to the required active screening questions authorized by the provincial government or the local health unit.

If a person answers **NO** to all the screening questions, they are welcome to register for in-person worship services.

If a person answers **YES** to any of the screening questions asked, they will be advised to use our YouTube video service or request a DVD."