

Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit

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Phase 2: Information for Businesses Re-opening

+ Places of Worship

As places of worship re-open, a [risk assessment](#) can be very helpful in the planning process as well as applying a combination of infection prevention and control practices that are appropriate for your place of worship. Things to consider could be:

- Continuing to offer virtual services, phone/online counseling as an option for people.
- Having a plan to assist people to line up and seat themselves according to physical distancing guidelines when you are planning in-person gatherings.
- Having masks and hand sanitizer available and promoted.
- Planning on a safe greeting to replace physical touch (e.g., waves, nods, smiles, air hugs).
- Altering/removing routines that involve close contact or touching common items (e.g., communion, prayer books, donation baskets, choirs, buffets).
- [Determining a cleaning/disinfection plan](#).

Places of Worship are currently limited to 30% of their capacity so this will also be a consideration when promoting in-person services and determining seating arrangements.

See further information below for employers, employees and for the public which can be adapted for your setting.

For guidance refer to the following documents:

- [Centre for Disease Control Guidance for Communities of Faith](#)
- [Workplace Health and Safety Prevention Services: Guidance for Places of Worship](#)