

## Re-Gathering Protocols

### Southmount English Worship (10 am to 11 am)

To ensure that our Worship Services are in full compliance with all provincial and federal COVID-19 protocols and that we are doing our very best to protect the health and safety of all of our members/attenders, the following practices will apply for our worship gatherings:

1. Hallways, washrooms and sanctuary will be deep-cleaned prior to the re-start of our worship services, with special attention given to all touch-points (light switches, accessibility buttons, door knobs/handles, security panels, pews, faucets, soap and paper towel dispensers, toilet flushers, etc.) Piano/organ keys, microphones, pulpit, music stands, laptop/mouse and soundboard will also be sanitized.
2. Immediately after service each week, all touch-points will be cleaned/sanitized again.
3. Throughout the week, any staff working on-site will be required to sanitize all surfaces touched/used daily, and our janitorial staff will be giving extra attention to all touch-points throughout the building as they carry out their cleaning duties.
4. Pew Bibles and Songbooks will be stored away until it is safe to use them again.
5. Worshippers are required to maintain 6' social distancing between household groupings in the parking lot, as they enter and leave the building and sanctuary, and during worship services. Markings on walls/floors/pews will help guide attenders. Attenders will be seated in every third row, spaced out (in household groups) with a minimum of 6' between groupings. Worshippers will be asked to depart row-by-row, starting with the back row.
6. Worshipper access will be limited to the west-wing hallways, the 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance washrooms (access using automatic entry buttons activated with an elbow), the foyer and the sanctuary. All other rooms will be off-limits. [Note:

The east-wing hallway, washrooms and gym will be used by the Korean congregation on Sunday mornings.]

7. Face masks must be worn when entering/exiting the building and sanctuary and during any congregational singing. For those who are able, we do encourage mask wearing at all times while on-site. If you have your own mask, please bring it with you. Masks will be provided for those in need.
8. Worshippers are encouraged to enter and exit using the 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue parking lot entrance using the automatic-entry access buttons activated with an elbow. For those entering or exiting from 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the front door will be propped open for non-touch entry. All other entryways are off limits at this time.
9. Signs prohibiting the entry of anyone with COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever), anyone having travelled outside Canada recently, or anyone exposed to another person with COVID-19 or in mandatory self-isolation, are in place at all entry-points.
10. Upon entering, worshippers will be asked if any of these restrictions (per #9) apply to them; and if they do, they will be asked to return home until they are clear to gather with us.
11. Hand-sanitizer will be available at both entryways, and worshippers will be asked to apply it as they enter.
12. Ushers/greeters will be required to wear masks and gloves and maintain social distancing.
13. There is to be no physical contact between attenders, unless they are from the same household. No hugs. No hand-shakes. Waves and “hellos” are welcome!
14. Mercy-seat counselling will not be permitted at this time.

15. Our worship team and brass ensemble will maintain social distancing of 6' between members, and 15' from the congregation.
16. Paper bulletins/programs will not be used. Announcements will be shared via powerpoint at the start of the service.
17. Offering plates will be placed at the back of the sanctuary so that you can give your tithes before or after service. On-line giving at [Salvationist.ca](http://Salvationist.ca) remains an option.
18. Attendance will be recorded for all services and visitors' names and phone numbers will be secured so that, should there be an outbreak, we will be able to contact those who may have been exposed.
19. English Worship Services will be limited to one hour, allowing adequate time to clean/sanitize surfaces before Mandarin Services.
20. Our Kitchen remains closed, so there will be no coffee or meal fellowship before or after service.
21. Sunday School programming will not be available at this time. Any children attending will be required to remain with their family throughout the worship service.