

June 8, 2020

Today, Monday, June 8, 2020, the Premier, Doug Ford, announced, in part, that:

"Effective Friday, June 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., the province will increase the limit on social gatherings from five to 10 people across the province, regardless of whether a region has moved to Stage 2. Additionally, all places of worship in Ontario will also be permitted to open with physical distancing in place and attendance limited to no more than 30 per cent of the building capacity to ensure the safety of worshippers."

Let me clarify what this means for Exeter United Church:

1. The church building will continue to be closed to the public pursuant to the Province's emergency measures as a non-essential business.
2. Worship is now being permitted "with physical distancing in place and attendance limited to no more than 30 per cent of the building capacity to ensure the safety of worshippers."
3. The Re-Opening Team will be working on the essential requirements and protocols that will be needed and implemented before the congregation will be invited to an in person worship.
4. The Re-Opening Team will also be working on the essential requirements and protocols that will be needed and implemented in anticipation of the lifting of the emergency measures allowing the building to be open and before the public and any groups will have access to the church building.
5. Notice will be sent to you via email or posted on our FaceBook page and group when there is a further change to what we are doing.

6. The primary goal that drives our actions is the health and safety of everyone. We will **not** be rushing ahead without due consideration and planning.

Let us be reminded, the COVID-19 virus has not disappeared! It is only through our intention and diligence that we keep each other safe!

If you have further questions or concerns, please let me know!

Blessings
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