



MAY 29, 2020 – RESPONSE TO COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS – UPDATE #4

Due to the most recent changes in the provincial COVID-19 guidelines, groups can gradually begin to meet in our building. The Church Board decided to provide some direction to facilitate the use of the building so we can maintain safe practises.

1. The SMC staff has been empowered to accommodate current SMC-based groups in the building providing the staff member(s) involved can ensure that current provincial guidelines are communicated and followed for the length of the activity. To make arrangements, please contact a staff member at SMC.
2. Any non-SMC rentals will occur at the discretion of the Facilities Manager who will be responsible to ensure that current provincial guidelines are communicated and followed for the length of the activity.
3. Until restrictions pertaining to churches are lifted, SMC's doors must remain locked at all times because use of the building is limited.
4. To keep everyone in the loop, staff members are asked to report all group activities to the Lead Pastor who will keep the Church Board informed.
5. Due to ongoing changes in guidelines from the Manitoba government, the Church Board may amend these directives at any time.

While we are currently unable to gather in person for Sunday morning worship services, our plan is to resume as soon as the Manitoba government will allow us to do so. When that happens, the Church Board will carefully manage how we come together. For now, we are proceeding on a month-to-month basis. In consultation with SMC's pastors, the Church Board will make and manage the decision regarding when and how to reinstate our in-person worship services. When it is safe for us to gather again, we will give SMC's congregants ample notice via e-mail and SMC's website.

SMC Church Board,

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