

What to Know When UBC Re-Opens

Dear Friends of Uxbridge Baptist Church,

We are excited to announce as of Sunday, September 20, UBC has re-opened to In-Person Services. We anticipate that you might have some questions. We hope that this document helps answer them and provides assurances that we are following all necessary protocols.

HOW DO I LET YOU KNOW THAT I WANT TO COME TO CHURCH?

We are asking everyone to pre-register and to do so every week.

You can register by phone (905-852-3662) or by filling out our pre-registration form available on our website.

Registration will open on Mondays and remain open until Thursday at noon (or until we have reached our limit for the Sunday, whichever comes first).

WILL I BE ABLE TO SANITIZE WHEN I ARRIVE?

Yes. There are hand sanitizing stations set up throughout the church.

WILL I HAVE TO WEAR A MASK OR FACE-COVERING?

Yes. We are asking that all those who are able, to please wear a mask throughout the service. If you do not have one, we have masks available for you.

CAN I SIT WHEREVER I WANT?

Not yet. We have to ensure that we follow the Durham Public Health guidelines for physical distancing. We have ushers who will guide you to a pew. Pre-registration will assist us in knowing how many are coming and their social bubbles so that we can ensure that we follow the guidelines that have been set out.

WILL THE NURSERY BE OPEN/ WHAT ABOUT PRESCHOOL PRAISE, JUNIOR CHURCH, KIDS CONNECT AND QUEST?

Phase one of our re-opening is a in the sanctuary, worship service only. Your children are invited to come and worship; we ask that they remain with you for the full duration of the service.

WILL WE BE ABLE TO SING?

Not yet. However, we believe that there are many ways to worship and we will be incorporating these other ways into the service.

WILL THERE BE A TIME OF OFFERING IN THE SERVICE?

No. However, we do appreciate your faithful giving and encourage you to use one of our online ways of giving (e-transfer or pushpay). We will also provide an offering tray at the exit door if

you wish to bring your offering to the church on Sunday. You can also mail your offering to the church.

ARE THE WASHROOMS AVAILABLE FOR USE?

Yes. We have made some adjustments; each washroom is now single-occupancy and we ask that you follow the guidelines that are posted within the washrooms.

WILL THERE BE A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP (COFFEE TIME) FOLLOWING THE SERVICE?

Not yet. In lieu of this, we are encouraging you to join with your zoom group or life group every week.

WILL YOU BE CONTACT-TRACING?

Yes. It is part of our pre-registration process.

Here are a few other details that might be helpful as you prepare for worshiping in person:

- While we are excited to see you, we ask that you stay home if you are feeling unwell in anyway.
- It will be exciting to see each other after such a long time away, however, we ask that you remain in your seat once you are seated. Feel free to wave and give virtual hugs from your seat.
- We have removed the bibles and hymnals from the pews. You are encouraged to bring your own bible or to use a bible app on your phone or tablet.
- Children are encouraged to pre-print their clipboard sheets and bring them and something to colour with when they come to church.
- At the end of the service, we kindly ask that you remain seated until your usher indicates that your row can exit. We will all be exiting out the northeast parking lot doors.

If you'd like to keep up-to-date with Provincial and Regional Public Health & Government Guidelines, we recommend the following links:

Durham Public Health Community Re-opening Toolkit <https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/community-reopening-toolkit.aspx>

Government of Ontario COVID Information: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>