

aDear VCMJ Family

We are so thankful to have been able to meet in person again since July and are continuing to meet with in-person and online church services unless the government guidelines change.

As many of you are aware, the Saskatchewan Government has recently released some changes in the guidelines for places of worship. We have always endeavored to go above and beyond these guidelines in an effort to make our church as safe as possible for those who desire to attend in-person and will continue to do everything we can to stay in compliance with the recent changes.

The most recent change that affects our in-person services is that it will now be compulsory to wear masks for the entire of the duration and not just for the singing portion.

Please take time to read through this entire document so that you can be fully informed on what returning to in-person gatherings will entail.

As you will see, at every phase we are attempting to offer multiple opportunities to participate in our services to accommodate the varying circumstances that everyone is facing. As your Victory Church leaders, we take your health and safety very seriously.

Our desire is to offer services that are as safe as possible, however, we also understand that some of you are in a high-risk category and would prefer to return to public gatherings at a later date, so please do not feel under any pressure to attend our in-person gatherings at this time. Please know that we are here to support you as you choose what manner of worship suits you best and we will continue our full church online experience including online kid's ministry (for more details check out our Facebook page: VCMJ Kid's).

As we continue in this transitional season, we anticipate modifications to this plan as guidelines continue to change. Please know that we are doing our best and we encourage you to maintain a humble abundance of grace and understanding for everyone. As things change, we will continue to update you but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by emailing pastorbarry@victorymj.com

- **Sunday Services** – as of Sunday, Nov 22nd, we will be offering 4 services each Sunday. Times will be 8:45 & 10:30 AM and 12:15 & 6:00 PM. All services are the same, so it doesn't matter which one you attend. Doors open 20 minutes prior to each service, and you will need to sanitize your hands upon entry and be checked in before entering the sanctuary. Children's ministry (Ages 0-Gr 5) will be offered at all services and DETOUR (Gr 6-8) is offered at the 10:30 & 12:15 services only at this time. Also, at this time, no coffee will be available, and we are operating touchless services, including minimizing contact, following appropriate physical/social distancing rules, and removing all items that would require multiple points of contact.

Here are the guidelines we will have in place:

Service Registration

All attendees are required to register for the service of their choice by filling out an online form via our website (victorymj.com) or app (search for VCMJ). The number of registrations will be limited to the capacity outlined by the Saskatchewan Government for this phase (30% of capacity or 150 whichever is less).

Seating

Attendees should remain in their seats and wear their mask for the entire service duration and all seat groupings being 2 metres apart. Only family members from the same households will be able to sit in family groupings. Following the service, attendees will be dismissed row by row and in a manner that avoids cross traffic and allows for appropriate physical distancing during dismissal. We will exit via the Main St exit only.

Masks and Sanitization

Masks must be worn by everyone at all times whilst in the building. Masks will be provided at the entrance if you don't have one. Everyone must either sanitize or wash their hands upon entering the building.

Greeters/Ushers

Greeters and ushers will guide guests from the back entrance through the foyer along a designated path directly to the sanctuary and their preferred seats. They will ensure proper physical/social distancing is maintained while seating guests and at the end of the service, they will guide guests to the Main St. exit to avoid cross traffic where possible.

Our parking team will also be available prior to entering the building should you require any assistance or have any questions. Please ensure you maintain physical distancing while outside of our building should there be line up waiting to get in. Please be gracious with each other if this happens. 😊

Facilities

Please use the rear entrance only to enter the building and exit only via the Main St doors to as to avoid cross-traffic. Hand sanitizer stations will be provided at the entry and exit points of the building, as well as at the giving stations and other areas as needed. We ask that everyone sanitizes their hands as they enter the building. Doors will be propped open, when possible, to minimize touchpoints. Surfaces such as door handles and counters will be sanitized before and after every service. Bathrooms will be reduced to half capacity to ensure physical/social distancing, and will be disinfected before, during, and after every service. Access to other areas of the building will be limited to staff and necessary volunteers only.

Screening

We encourage those who plan to attend to take the self-assessment prior to attending. This self-assessment is currently available from the Saskatchewan government. Anyone with symptoms (cough, fever, runny nose) is required to stay home. Anyone exhibiting symptoms upon arrival will be asked to return home and watch online.

Giving

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to set up online giving through our app or website, or by emailing money transfers to admin@victorymj.com. We will have two self-giving stations set up: one in the foyer and one at the Resource Centre. There will also be buckets to drop your giving into as you exit the sanctuary at the end of the service.

If you use an offering envelope...please no licky licky 😊

- **Note** – As you know, guidelines are continually changing. Please be assured we are monitoring this very closely and will be adjusting our plans accordingly.

Church Online – For those who are not quite ready to return to corporate gatherings, we will continue to stream our services on the church online, Facebook and YouTube platforms. These feeds can be accessed via our website (victorymj.com) or app and we encourage you to meet with others in your circle and be the church together.

It is our hope that this document provides a glimpse of what our continued strategy might look like in the coming weeks. Our desire is to love and protect one another as best we can, and we appreciate your cooperation in making this possible.

The safety of our church and community is important to us, and without a doubt, grace will be the key as we all try to make this the best experience possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

God Bless!