

**Wesley UC / St. James Covid-19 Protocols**  
**September 23, 2021**

There have been a number of recent changes to Covid-19 protocols in New Brunswick as we've experienced increased cases in our province.

As a Christian community we are called to 'Love our Neighbor as Ourselves' and act with the safety of our community and most vulnerable members in mind. We can best protect our young children, elderly and immune-compromised family, friends and neighbors by getting vaccinated. We must ensure that our concern and compassion for others is not overshadowed by our fears and anxieties.

For the safety of you as individuals and the community as a whole, we will comply with the requests of the Minister of Health, Dorothy Shephard and UCC Executive Minister of FSLDW Region, Faith March-MacCuish by implementing the following protocols, until further notice:

- 1) A mask is once again mandatory to enter a church building and must be worn throughout the service / activity inside.
- 2) We will resume taking your contact information when you enter the building for contact tracing, if needed.
- 3) Proof of vaccinations may be requested when entering the building. We are asked to ensure that 90% of attenders are vaccinated (excluding children under 12 and those medically exempt).
- 4) Sacraments of Baptism and Communion will currently be suspended from in-person worship but may be done as part of an online/zoom service.

Lastly, we need to remain positive and hopeful that we can reduce our case numbers once again. When you are disparaging, pray. Pray for one another, for those who are sick, and for guidance in our actions. When you are lonely, be imaginative in your ways of connecting with one another and serving our community. When you are faced with disbelief, seek ways to be in the presence of the Creator in the beauty that surrounds us in the great outdoors. And always remember that we are not alone, God is with us.

Peace,

Natasha Pearen