**BRIGHTVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH PREVENTATIVE AND PANDEMIC ACTION PLAN POLICY**

The following document outlines the practices and plan taken by Brightview Community Church (BCC) during the time of a pandemic. (COVID 19 – 2020)

Government mandated practices during a pandemic supersede the practices outlined in this document.

The desire of BCC is to provide a safe environment for the congregation wishing to worship physically in the BCC building. Therefore, we will make great effort to maintain the greatest reasonable safety while they grow in relationship with God. BCC will also provide an online service for those congregation members that wish to not worship in house.

**GOAL FOR PANDEMIC PRACTICES:**

**1) Reduce the spread of the pandemic virus**

*A virus will generally spread from host to host through various interaction. The goal of many of the safety precautions is to reduce direct physical interactions by as many people as possible while still carrying out the essential practices listed above*

**2) To react quickly and effectively in the case of contamination**

*If it is discovered that a congregation member was infected during a service,* *we have a plan in place for quickly informing others of the infection, thus reducing greater spread.*

**GENERAL PRACTICES:**

**1) If sick – DO NOT ATTEND**

*Any person experiencing any symptoms of illness should remain at home and must not attend any programs at Brightview Community Church*

**2) Hand washing or sanitizing stations**

*Sanitizing stations will be set up throughout the church.*

**3) Attendance**

*Everyone who enters the building accounted for through the ushers checking off names or adding guests to our attendance list.*

**4) Direct Foot Traffic**

*With the use of signs on the doors and markings on the floors, we will help direct movement in high traffic areas.*

**5) Physical Distancing**

*All people should maintain a distance of 6ft between themselves and others with the exception of cohort groups or family members.*

**6) Masks**

 *Wearing a mask is a choice of each individual patron unless mandated by gov’t officials.*

**7)Practising Communion**

*We will serve communion while the congregation is seated in individual servings while in a pandemic if in-house worship is allowed.*

**8) Children’s programs during service**

*Children’s programs during the service are not permitted during certain stage levels of a pandemic. Children should stay with their families during worship.*

**9) Cleaning/Sanitation**

*Rigorous cleaning will be done to any high touch areas during the service and after every service (Sunday’s in particular or funeral and weddings).*

*Weekly cleaning is also done prior to the next service that week.*

**10)Online resources**

*During a pandemic we will make great efforts to have an active online presence. A recording of all services will be available online on our website:* [*www.brightviewchurch.ca*](http://www.brightviewchurch.ca)

**11)Food/Drink**

*No food/drink (coffee) or potlucks will take place during certain stages of a pandemic to minimize the spread as per Government recommendations.*

**IN THE EVENT OF AN OUTBREAK**

**1) Contacting**

*In the case of a potential infection, health authorities will be informed and/or they would have contacted us of a potential spread. All people on the attendance sheet during the time of the spread will be contacted within 24 hours of the church being made aware of the contamination.*

**2) Shutdown**

*We will follow the recommendations that Alberta Health Officials lay out in our particular case. If necessary, programs and Sunday services will enter shutdown until the safety of all involved can be reasonably assured. Services online will be provided in that case.*

**3) Cleaning/Sanitation**

*Rigorous cleaning will be done to the church to try and omit any other spread.*