

# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church COVID-19 Protocol**

## **PROVIDING FIRST AID**

The following protocol provides guidance to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (GDLC) staff and user

groups in the provision of First Aid to an injured person during an event.

COVID-19 is most commonly transmitted from an infected person through:

- larger liquid droplets generated when a person coughs or sneezes;
- Touching something with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.

Minimize unnecessary exposure to the patient – verbally assess them from a distance of 2

metres, if possible.

**Initial Patient Assessment Pre-Screening - ask the following questions:**

1. Have you travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days? a. If yes – where did you

travel? For how long?

2. Do you have COVID-19 symptoms?

COVID-19 symptoms, even mild ones are the following: Fever, chills, cough, shortness of

breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy and runny nose, loss of sense of smell,

headache, muscle aches, fatigue or loss of appetite.

If the patient has COVID-19 symptoms, advise the patient to go home after treatment, and

instruct the patient to call 8-1-1 for more information.

**Treatment Protocol - for all first aid treatment, including asymptomatic patient:**

If the patient is able to self-treat under your direction, please ask them to do so and provide

them the supplies they need. Please maintain 2m physical distance throughout. If this is not

possible, then:

1. Put on your gloves and surgical mask ;
2. If possible, give the patient a disposable mask to wear while you provide first aid;
3. Continue with patient assessment;
4. If a patient is unresponsive, call 9-1-1 immediately.

If the patient has COVID-19 symptoms, following the assessment, have the individual leave the

event with a family member or on their own accord and inform GDLC at

gloriadei5383@gmail.com

1 A first aid kit is located in the Narthex and includes a zip lock bag with 6 sets of surgical masks and 3 sets of gloves.

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If the patient has a vehicle and can drive it, advise the patient to drive home and contact 8-1-1.

If the patient is too ill to travel home on their own, isolate the patient and call for medical

aid/ambulance to attend (9-1-1 or non-emergency number depending on severity).

*Remember: Ensure proper donning and doffing of PPE, hand hygiene, and decontamination of first aid equipment and area prior to leaving the scene. Also, disinfect common touch surfaces following any treatment - focus on hard surfaces.*

### **HOW TO USE A MASK**

1. Wash your hands with soap/water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer before touching the mask.
2. Inspect the mask to ensure it is not damaged.
3. Turn the mask so the coloured side is facing outward.
4. Put the mask over your face and if there is a metallic strip, press it to fit the bridge of your nose.
5. Put the loops around each of your ears, or tie the top and bottom straps.
6. Make sure your mouth and nose are covered and there are no gaps. Expand the mask by pulling the bottom of it under your chin.
7. Press the metallic strip again so it moulds to the shape of your nose, and wash your hands again with water/soap or alcohol based hand sanitizer.
8. Don't touch the mask while you are wearing it.
9. Don't wear the mask if it gets wet or dirty. Don't reuse the mask.
10. To take off your mask: (a) Wash your hands with soap/water or alcohol based hand sanitizer; (b) lean forward to remove your mask. Touch only the ear loops or ties, not the front of the mask; (c) dispose of the mask safely; (d) wash your hands.

Message from the BC Human Rights Commission – January 30, 2021

You don't have to wear a mask if:

- You are under 12 years old
- You are unable to wear a mask because of a health condition or physical or mental impairment
- You are unable to put on or remove a mask without help from another person

People who are able to wear a mask but who choose not to as a matter of preference are not exempt.

People who are not exempt but refuse to wear a mask in an indoor public setting could be subject to a fine. If a person claims a mask exemption, take them at their word. Proof should not be required.

Business owners cannot be fined for allowing people without masks to enter their place of business. Exemptions to the mandatory mask order in British Columbia Masks are now mandatory in all indoor public spaces in B.C., except for people who are unable to wear masks.

A message from B.C.'s Human Rights Commissioner<sup>2</sup>