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My dear clergy and wardens:

It is with some dismay that I am listening to the news of the dramatically rising covid-19 cases in Northern Alberta. Now, more than ever, we need to be diligent in maintaining our covid-19 practices of proper distancing, wearing masks (mandatory if singing), sanitizing, etc. – all the items contained in the ‘worship under covid’ you submitted to me for approval (and those who haven’t yet, please do not feel rushed). It is critical to me that we keep each other safe.

If, somehow, covid is experienced at a worship gathering, please follow these further guidelines:

- 1.) Immediately quarantine the church building for two weeks. Quarantine yourselves as well, and recommend to parishioners that they do the same.
- 2.) Ensure Alberta Health Services (AHS) is notified. Share with them the attendance list from the service in question, and the practices which had been put in place (distancing, masks, etc.).
- 3.) Notify myself.
- 4.) Clean all surfaces before resuming (as per approved guideline), with a basic bleach mixture or product.
- 5.) Follow all AHS communications given specifically to you.
- 6.) Resume services after conversation with myself giving you explicit approval to do so.

You need not fear the plague that stalks in the darkness, or the disease that ravages at noon (Psalm 91:6).

Praying that we need not practice these guidelines;

 

David Greenwood, Bishop

