



An Update from the Covid-19 safety team (Kathy Matusiak, Anna Paton, Lee Chamberlain, Carol Monaghan and Nikkie Ripka):

Our Covid-19 Safety Team worked with Council members and Teri Lydiard to formulate a set of protocols for the safe reopening of the church facilities for church groups and user groups as well as for staff members. The Strategic Leadership Committee (SLC) approved the Peninsula United Church COVID-19 Safety Plan and delegated responsibility for approving the requests for access and use of our facilities to the Safety Team. The Safety Team will use the required template outlining the requirements and commitments to ensure all users are as safe as possible, while acknowledging potential risks.

The Safety Team is pleased to report that the protocols covering the facilities at our Crescent, Sunnyside and Third Space sites have been working very well. There have been small outdoor gatherings by the Nitelights, a memorial service for Becky Irwin, Fiddy Diddy Outdoor Visits, White Rock Concerts Annual General Meeting, and the Prayer Team, all of whom carefully followed the procedures. This week the Centering Prayer group began meeting indoors at the Crescent site. The Fiddy Diddy Outdoor Visits will meet in the Sunnyside sanctuary during inclement weather.

Rev. Janice and our Administration staff report that the current office procedures are working well. They would like to remind everyone that if you want to drop off an item at the office, it's helpful if you call ahead to make sure the staff is available ... and to wear your mask when you are at the door. They've noted that it's nice to have the children back at the Preschool. Both Wind & Tide Preschool at the Sunnyside site and the Tiny Y Preschool at the Crescent site have their own strict protocols which work hand in hand with PUC protocols.

The Third Space programs (Conversation Café and Death Café) have been running successfully as has the Café Church: Al Fresco. Small meetings are also being held at Third Space.

Procedures have been put in place for booking space. PUC groups or outside user groups will first contact the office regarding requested dates and space. If the request is approved, the user group will be provided with the PUC Covid-19 safety plan and required to submit their own plan to the Covid-19 Safety Team for approval. Users will then be contacted by the office.

We will continue to follow the guidelines of the Pacific Mountain Regional Church, B.C. Ministry of Health and WorkSafe B.C. As Dr. Bonnie Henry says, "Be kind, be calm and be safe."