

Stormont Presbyterian Church: Mitigations re Covid-19 for all user groups

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Staying Safe - Keeping One Another Safe

From 4th April 2022 the easing of Covid-19 mitigations and measures for all PCI congregations has been approved by the General Council, acting on behalf of the General Assembly.

1. **Self-isolation:** At all times government advice should continue to be followed with regard to self-isolation related to Covid-19. Further, those who have (or think they might have) any of the symptoms of Covid-19, or are just generally feeling unwell, should not attend services, meetings or activities.
2. **Ventilation & Hand Sanitation:** church buildings and halls should continue to be as well ventilated as possible and hand sanitiser should continue to be available and used by everyone.
3. **Social Distancing:** This is no longer required in church buildings and halls. However, it is preferable to keep seating spaced where possible. In terms of the church sanctuary those attending are asked to maintain a suitable social distance for the safety and comfort of everyone attending.
4. **Face coverings:** These are no longer required in church buildings or halls (including when singing). However, anyone who wishes to continue to wear a face covering is encouraged to do so.

In June 2020 PCI issued 'Stay SAFE at Church' which encouraged everyone to Stick to the rules, Assess the risks, Foster good routines and Encourage individual responsibility. These four principles remain important even as the rules or mitigations are eased. Everyone is asked to continue good routines and to take individual responsibility, assessing risks and taking the appropriate action to ensure our church buildings are a safe and comfortable place for everyone.