

## Staying Safe - Keeping One Another Safe

In light of the advice from NI Executive this week regarding increase in cases of Covid and the need for extra care around compliance with mitigations I would ask everyone using our buildings or attending groups/organisations or church services to continue to follow the guidance issued by NI Executive, PHA and PCI:

(I) Face coverings - These should be worn entering, exiting and moving around the building. Face coverings must also be worn throughout the worship service even when seated.

(II) Hand sanitiser - Members/attenders should use the sanitiser available especially before and after opening doors/cupboard or using the toilet facilities

(III) Social distancing - A minimum of 1m should be observed at all times when on the church premises

(IV) Ventilation - it is very important that good ventilation is maintained in every room being used within our church premises. This may result in a lowering of the room temperature. Members/attenders are advised to dress appropriately

(V) Illness - if any member/attender is feeling unwell NO MATTER HOW SLIGHT they SHOULD NOT ATTEND. This is especially important if you or someone you live with has coronavirus symptoms:

- fever, particularly a high temperature (i.e. a temperature of 37.8 degrees or over);
- continuous cough; or
- loss of sense of taste or smell;
- it is absolutely essential that they must not attend meetings or services and should follow the Government's guidance at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-overview-and-advice>

Please note it is also a requirement that all users and leaders of groups must sign in and out when using the building on each and every occasion.

I understand the challenge all of these mitigations present. However we have a responsibility to care for one another and to do everything we can we make the environment within our buildings as safe as we possibly can. Please follow this guidance carefully and consistently.