



First Dunmurry
NS Presbyterian Church

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COVID-19 Good Practice Guidelines

Church Services, including baptisms, funerals & weddings

Church capacity:

- Based on a risk assessment of our meeting house, no more than 120 attendees should be in the building at any one time. The following reasonable measures will be in place to help to reduce risk.

McCleery Hall Capacity:

- In accordance with our own risk assessment, capacity of all rooms has been reduced to comply with social distancing:

Hall – 90

Male/Female/Disabled toilets – 2

Kitchen - 6

Sunday school room - 6

Session room – 10

Office - 5

Library – 10

Signs and symptoms:

- If you are feeling unwell or are displaying any of the following symptoms: high temperature; persistent new cough; loss of taste or smell, then please DO NOT attend any church service or event/meeting in The McCleery Hall.
- All individuals experiencing symptoms should [book a PCR test](#) and self-isolate until you get your test result and follow the relevant self-isolation periods if you receive a positive test.

Hand washing and sanitising:

- Hand sanitising stations will be available in Church and the McCleery Hall. Please use on entering either building.
- Hand washing facilities are available in the McCleery Hall. Toilets in the McCleery Hall are currently closed during church services for security reasons, but can be opened if required. Toilets will be open for any events or meetings taking place in the hall.

Social distancing:

- Please respect social distancing and remain at least 1 metre/3 feet away from others at all times, even if wearing a face covering.
- All Church pews are now open in line with current 1m/3 feet social distancing guidance. However, we do encourage you to use the space in the church to practice social distancing,

including both galleries. We recommend to not share pews with members of other households, unless they are part of your existing 'bubble'.

- A one-way system is in place to facilitate social distancing in both the church and McCleery hall. One door will be open to enter the building and the second will be opened to allow people to leave from, both with relevant signage.

Face coverings:

- The legal requirement to wear a face covering in a place of worship and indoor events has been removed, however it is still strongly recommended as 'guidance' unless exempt or have a 'reasonable excuse' as detailed by [NI Executive](#).
- Face coverings are recommended to be worn while entering and exiting the church and McCleery Hall, and can be removed while sitting.
- It is recommended to wear face coverings during singing of hymns.
- You don't have to wear a face covering in a public indoor place if you are under the age of 13.

During church services or events:

- Doors will be open during church services or McCleery hall events/meetings to allow for ventilation.
- The Minister will remain in the pulpit for the duration of the service. Guidelines indicate that there should be at least 4m between the pulpit and the congregation/visitors. This will exclude baptisms, funerals and weddings where face coverings are recommended.
- There will be a retiring collection for free will offering, with a basket available as you leave the church building.

Cleaning:

- Sanitising of surfaces will only be necessary in the event of the church being used twice within a 72-hour period, in line with the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) guidance that the virus only stays active on hard surfaces for up to 72 hours. Cleaning practices will be in place via our existing cleaning rota.
- The committee will be responsible for cleaning the McCleery Hall after congregational events. Hirers will be responsible following hall hire in line with First Dunmurry NSPCI Hirer Policy.

Online services:

- Online services will continue for those who cannot or do not yet feel comfortable attending services in person. Services are shared weekly via our [Facebook page](#).