

Coronavirus COVID-19

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Guidance for Holding Low-Risk Stand-Alone Lifecycle Events

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Introduction

This guidance is to support people in holding indoor and outdoor lifecycle events including baptisms, wedding ceremonies, medical assistance in dying gatherings, funerals, and Jewish court proceedings.

This information is aligned with [BC's Restart Plan](#) and is subject to change.

Please continue to monitor the [Provincial Health Officer website](#) as it will be updated periodically, as guidance will continue to evolve over the next weeks and months.

COVID-19 Information

Please continue to monitor the following resources for information on COVID-19 and restrictions in the province:

- For information on COVID-19, vaccine safety and efficacy, data, public health guidance, and more, visit [BCCDC](#).
- For information on the restrictions in place in the province, visit [BC's Restart Plan](#).
- For information on how to get vaccinated against COVID-19, visit [GetVaccinated](#).

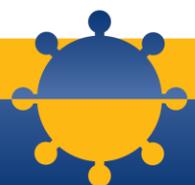


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If you have fever, a new cough, or are having difficulty breathing, call 8-1-1.



Holding Low-Risk Stand-Alone INSIDE Lifecycle Events

All events must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wedding ceremonies (Not receptions – the rules for these are in the Provincial Health Officer Gatherings and Events Order.) • Funerals • Baptisms which are not part of a worship service • Jewish Court Proceedings • Medical Assistance in Dying Gatherings
Venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor locations OTHER THAN a person's residence or a vacation rental.
Capacity Limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 10 people, with up to 2 additional people to help everyone follows precautions.
Space Between People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 metres unless they are from the same household; 1.2 metres when standing for ritual congregational prayer.
Mask Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per the requirements of the Ministerial Mask Order, masks must to be worn by attendees. • Masks can be removed by the leader, reader, soloist, and/or musical group when speaking, chanting, singing, or playing as long as these individuals are 3 metres away from the congregation or are separated by a physical barrier that blocks droplets.
Before Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants must be pre-registered; contact information must be collected and retained for 30 days for contact tracing purposes. • Participants must assess their health before attending and should stay home if sick. • Clean and disinfect high-use areas, including tables, chairs, and door handles. • Ensure enough space (at least 2 metres) is available for people to maintain distance from others. • Ensure easy access to handwashing stations or hand sanitizing supplies. • Increase ventilation by opening doors and/or windows where possible.
During Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders of the service must wear a mask, removing it only for speaking, chanting, or singing, as long as there is 3 metres distance between the leader and the congregation. • Maintain distance from those outside your household. • Passing items is not allowed.
Music / Singing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only soloists and musicians can sing / play at this time. No more than five musicians are permitted.
Food / Drink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single serve containers permitted for worship purposes.
After Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone should leave the venue after the service. Social gatherings can occur elsewhere under the Gatherings and Events Order. • Clean and disinfect high-use areas.
Multiple Events in a Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than one service can occur in a day as long as participants from each service do not interact with one another, and each service must have its own entrances and, exits. • If multiple events are organized in the same space, allow enough time (e.g., 15 minutes) to clean the venue before the next service occurs.
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Check • Posters and reference materials



Holding Low Risk Stand-Alone OUTSIDE Lifecycle Services

All events must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wedding ceremonies (Not receptions – the rules for these are in the Provincial Health Officer Gatherings and Events Order.) • Funerals • Baptisms which are not part of a worship service • Jewish Court Proceedings • Medical Assistance in Dying Gatherings
Venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor locations OTHER THAN a person's residence or a vacation rental.
Capacity Limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 50 people, as well as people who are in a vehicle, as long as they stay in their vehicle, with no vehicle limits. • Up to 4 additional people to help people follow precautions.
Space Between People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 metres unless they are from the same household, or all participants are seated; 1.2 metres when standing for ritual congregational prayer.
Mask Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks must be worn when not seated. • Masks can be removed by the leader, reader, soloist, and/or musical group when speaking, chanting, singing, or playing as long as these individuals are 3 metres away from the congregation or are separated by a physical barrier that blocks droplets.
Before Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants must be pre-registered; contact information must be collected and retained for 30 days for contact tracing purposes. • Participants must assess their health before attending and should stay home if sick. • Clean and disinfect high-use areas, including tables, chairs, and door handles. • Ensure easy access to handwashing stations or hand sanitizing supplies.
During Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders of the service must wear a mask, removing it only for speaking, chanting, or singing, as long as there is 3 metres distance between the leader and the congregation. • Maintain distance from those outside your household. • Passing items is not allowed.
Music / Singing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only soloists and musicians can sing / play at this time.
Food / Drink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single serve containers permitted for worship purposes.
After Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone should leave the venue after the service. Social gatherings can occur elsewhere under the Gatherings and Events Order. • Clean and disinfect high-use areas.
Multiple Events in a Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than one service can occur in a day as long as participants from each service do not interact with one another, and each service must have its own entrances, exits, and washrooms. • If multiple events are organized in the same space, allow enough time (e.g., 15 minutes) to clean the venue before the next service occurs.
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Check • Posters and reference materials

