



Vaccine Passports at St Andrew's Wesley United

As we continue to pivot and adjust to the changing Covid 19 landscape, we continue to access and update our policies to reflect the situation and to keep meeting safely. We have heard from many of you a strong desire to implement a vaccine passport system for our Sunday morning service in order to continue to gather safely in the winter months. After much deliberation the board has decided to do the following starting Sunday, November 28:

1. We will implement a vaccine passport for attendees 12 years of age or older for the 10 am Traditional Worship Service. Please bring proof of two vaccinations to show to the ushers at the door.
2. Masks will still be required when travelling through the building and singing.
3. If you do not wish to have anyone sit next to you, there will be cards with red Xs . We will not leave every other row empty as everyone is vaccinated on them that you can get from the ushers to create a cushion of space around you.
4. Hand sanitizer and special cleaning procedures, including fogging between services will continue to be in effect.
5. Most small groups, events, and programs will also require the vaccine passport.
6. Musicians and singers will be fully vaccinated and practise physical distancing while playing/singing. Masks will not be required for them while playing/singing.

Exceptions to the vaccine passports:

1. If you have a written note for a medical exemption, you are able to attend the 10 am service.
2. If you are under 12, you are exempt from the vaccine passport.
3. Weddings and Memorials will follow protocols but not require vaccine passports.

No vaccine passports for the Jazz Vespers 4pm service, the 7pm Contemplative Service and Youth groups?

1. Correct. Because Jazz and the Contemplative service have lower numbers, we can continue to space people safely and therefore we are not implementing a vaccine passport at this time.
2. Jr and Sr Youth group are considered worship and are multi ages and can be spaced adequately, we are not implementing a vaccine passport at this time. Masks are still required indoors.



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In addition to the vaccine passport, we will be offering a seated and served coffee time after the 10am Traditional worship service. Participants will be seated in the Narthex and served by volunteers. If you would like to assist with serving, please contact Diane Mitchell, executivedirector@standrewswesley.com

Small groups (eg: Good News Café, prayer groups, Life Groups) – when seated masks are no longer required. We still require masks for singing as the aerosol particles are spread further.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – all services will require a vaccine passport.

While no set of rules are going to meet the concerns and desires of everyone, we will continue to work on creating safe spaces during this pandemic that still allow for many ways to meaningfully come together as a community. In this time we will continue to offer online worship and Zoom gatherings and programs to ensure there are many ways to be in spiritual community with each other.