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Dear all

As you may be aware there was further guidance issued this afternoon around public buildings and gatherings of 50 people or fewer. Essentially as of Tuesday, June 9th, when entering public buildings, which are “open to anyone to enter”, everyone who enters must “wear a face covering that covers their mouth and nose”.

I have to say that I had no idea that this was coming and the logic of it makes little sense to me, given that previous guidance says that we can have services on Sunday, the 7th, and the new guidelines do not come into effect until the 9th.

On Wednesday, the 10th, there is a meeting between the leaders of faith communities and provincial officials which might be the first opportunity I have to clarify the situation, though I will try early next week when government offices are open.

The only way I can read the statement at present is that on Sunday people do not have to wear masks to enter a building and on Tuesday they do.

Please click here for the text of the [revised provincial Mandatory Order for COVID-19](#), especially noting paragraph 12.

Also, please reference this [Q&A document](#) issued by the province yesterday (June 4) about religious services. It is helpful, but some of it is superseded by today's order.

I am sorry that this has come so late in the day. Please refer to our [COVID-19 operational plan page](#) over the weekend to see if there any further developments.

In Christ's service,