

Enniscorthy Christian Fellowship Covid-19 Safety Policy

While we are delighted to be able to meet up together as a church the following policies are essential for safeguarding our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. We request that anyone with cold or flu symptoms, a new persistent cough or an elevated temperature or any other viral symptoms not to attend our services. If anybody has been in contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 please do not attend.
2. Physical distancing of 2 meters is essential in all circumstances. Obviously members of the same household can stay together. Regrettably handshakes and hugs are to be avoided during this pandemic.
3. Entrance Procedure
 - a) If queuing is required, please maintain physical distancing of 2 meters.
 - b) There will be a weekly requirement for all people attending our service to make a self-declaration in the form of a questionnaire before entering the premises. This is a government requirement to enable track and trace.
 - c) We require everybody to sanitise their hands before entering the building.
 - d) We require everyone to wear a face mask or covering. Exceptions will include young children and those whose health prevents them from doing so.
 - e) Please follow signage as supplied by the Astro Active Centre and take time to read their notices.
 - f) We will ask people to go straight to their seats and remain there for the duration of the service to ensure compliance with physical distancing.
 - g) Seating will be set up in pairs to allow couples to sit together. Parents please ensure that your children and teenagers are seated close by.
 - h) Chairs are not to be moved as they have been set up carefully to ensure 2 meters apart.
 - i) For your benefit, the Astro Active Centre has cleaned and sanitised the premises and we would ask you to, where possible, minimise touching as few surfaces as possible.
4. Toilets
 - a) Toilets are available if necessary.
 - b) In addition to cleaning your own hands, please use sanitising wipes to clean every surface that you touch.
5. Communion
 - a) For safety reasons we will carefully distribute communion to each person.
 - b) If anyone wishes to bring their own bread and juice, please feel free to do so.
 - c) We will understand if anyone chooses not to partake of this during this pandemic.
6. Kids Church
 - a) In the event that we can provide kids' church we will ask that kids walk in an orderly and careful manner to the room.
7. Refreshments
 - a) At present we will not provide any refreshments or water.
 - b) Feel free to bring your own refreshment if you choose.
8. Exiting Procedure
 - a) As there is a one way system in operation in the Astro Active Centre, please follow the signs for exiting the building.
 - b) People must not exit through the entrance.
9. To minimise risks, please bring your own Bible to the service.
10. Although we understand that these policies are different from our usual interactions as a church, we would value your co-operation with them as they are necessary to ensure the safety of everyone who attends ECF and the staff of the Astro Active Centre.
11. These guidelines are prepared on the basis of current government and HSE requirements. Any changes of these will be notified.

Enniscorthy Christian Fellowship Covid-19 Declaration

To reduce the risk of infections, everyone who attends ECF needs to complete a declaration that they have no COVID-19 symptoms before entry.

1. Have you been diagnosed with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
2. Are you showing any of the symptoms of the COVID-19 such as shortness of breath, elevated temperature, a new persistent cough, or loss of smell or taste?
3. Are you living with, or a close contact of, someone who has been confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19?
4. Have you been advised to self-isolate by a doctor or by a government agency?