

Willowdale SDA Church Safety Committee

The Willowdale Seventh-day Adventist Church safety committee involves identifying, analyzing, treating, and monitoring the risk involved in the church process or activity. Risk is the probability of an undesirable event or outcome during or as a result of a process or activity. The safety committee is important since it would enable the church best to optimize the use of the resources it has and to also protect the assets from being lost. 2020 was an unprecedented year due to the unpredictable challenges of the pandemic. A “return to church” committee was organized, and several safety measures were conducted to mitigate risk in preparation for a “hopeful” in person church service. These were, and not necessarily in order:

1. COVID-19 floor and wall signages placed throughout the church.
2. COVID-19 disinfectant spray bottles placed throughout the church.
3. Single use and reusable face masks distributed to volunteers.
4. Church pews taped off for proper, mandatory physical distancing.
5. A team of volunteers organized to conduct a safe Sabbath worship.
6. Crowd control barriers purchased to assist traffic flow.
7. Tithe envelopes removed from the sanctuary.
8. Church hymnals removed from the sanctuary.
9. Online registration program placed to assist church capacity allotment.
10. “What to do” safety video created for in person church services.

With the ongoing fluid situation happening with the pandemic along with a second provincial state of emergency in place, the current goal for 2021 is to firmly maintain a safe worship environment by continually conducting services online until further notice. EVERY ACTION COUNTS...help stop the spread.

God bless and stay safe.

