

Inspection Date	Inspection Sub Type	Inspection ID
2021-01-24	Re-inspection	0000153893

**INSPECTION REPORT**

Name of Establishment	Owner (Company) Agents Name
GraceLife Church of Edmonton	
GraceLife Church of Edmonton      General Nuisance	
Site Address	Mailing Address
51529a Range Road 262 Parkland County Alberta T7Y 1B3 Canada	Alberta Canada

**Opening Comments**

PHI Janine Hanrahan and two RCMP Officers attended GraceLife Church of Edmonton to check on compliance with the Order issued by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta on January 21, 2021. The respondents (Pastor James Coates and any other person at the Grace Life Church) were ordered to comply with the Executive Officer's Order issued by PHI Janine Hanrahan on December 17, 2020 and to comply with the provisions of the Public Health Act and all active Records of Decisions by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

**Observations/discussion:**

- PHI and RCMP Officers arrived at the church at 10:30am. Rob (elder-in-training) met PHI and Officers at the front entrance. PHI stated that she is there to check on compliance with the Order issued from the Court of Queen's Bench. Rob confirmed that they have received a copy of the QB Order but said their stance has not changed since PHI's last inspection on Jan 10, 2021.
- PHI and RCMP were escorted up to the balcony overlooking the sanctuary. In the lobby area, there were many people standing within 2 meters of each other and not wearing face masks.
- At about 10:39am PHI counted about 188 people inside the sanctuary (15% capacity for this space is 64 people). The seats have not been moved to allow for physical distancing (as requested by AHS) and the majority of individuals were not wearing a face mask.
- Pastor James announced to the attendees that the RCMP were there and to show appreciation for them. The group stood to cheer and clap, which is a high risk activity for droplet spread especially from unmasked individuals.
- At about 10:47am PHI counted about 293 people in the sanctuary, with no physical distance of 2 meters between the seating/rows.

CONTINUED IN CLOSING COMMENTS:

**Sub-Unit ID:** 0000194563

**Lab Number:**

**Compliance Record**
**1 Compliance - Records of Decision - Critical**

**1.1 04. Is the facility in compliance with the Records of Decision issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health during the COVID-19 pandemic?**

First Cited: 2020-07-10

Compliance Result: NO - Not In Compliance

Persons at the facility are not able to, or are not consistently maintaining appropriate separation distances in order to mitigate disease transmission risk. AR 243/2003 s 2(1)

Persons are not properly using and/or being supplied with adequate personal protective equipment. AR 243/2003 s 2(1)

Compliance Response: - Attendees, volunteers and staff observed not wearing face masks inside the church

- People appeared to be within 6 feet from other households
- Church has not responded to PHIs when they asked what the 15% capacity occupancy would be for the church. The 15% occupancy for the entire building was calculated by PHI to be about 92 people. There was about 293 people in the sanctuary at the time of inspection.
- Pastor has not sent their COVID health mitigation plan to AHS for assessment.
- The seating in the sanctuary was not moved to allow for physical distancing (as requested by AHS back in July 2020) and a large amount of people were seated and appeared to be sitting less than 6 feet away from other households.
- Church band members did not don a mask when they were singing/performing.
- Most of the congregation were observed unmasked and singing along with the band.

**Target Completion Date: 2020-12-19****Closing Comments**

- There was two band members. A piano player with microphone for singing and a guitar player with a microphone for singing. They did appear to have physical distance between them when performing but did not wear a face mask while singing.
- When the band started to play the attendees stood and sang along (most unmasked). Two projection screens displayed the words so attendees can sing along.
- To date the Relaunch Plan Template providing details of all risk mitigation measures to be implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and all details of activities, meetings, gatherings that occur in the church have not been sent to PHI Janine Hanrahan. This information was ordered to be submitted to PHI Hanrahan by December 19, 2020.

**Actions Taken**

- Violations Cited
- Follow-up Required

**Referrals****Carbon Copies**

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Inspection Date	Inspection Sub Type	Inspection ID
2021-01-31	Re-inspection	0000154880

**INSPECTION REPORT**

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GraceLife Church of Edmonton	
GraceLife Church of Edmonton	General Nuisance
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51529a Range Road 262 Parkland County Alberta T7Y 1B3 Canada	Alberta Canada

**Opening Comments**

PHIs Janine Hanrahan and Corey Kan and two RCMP Officers attended Grace Life Church to see if the church complied with the closure order issued by PHI Janine Hanrahan on Jan 29, 2021.

**Observations/discussion:**

- PHIs and RCMP arrived at the church around 9:28am. PHI Hanrahan observed cars parked in the parking lot and unmasked people entering the church for Sunday school.
- PHI Hanrahan asked Rob (elder-in-training) and another unidentified individual if they knew about the closure order, they confirmed they did. PHI asked if they were going to close the facility and they said they won't be closing the church to the public.
- Discussed that PHIs and RCMP will be entering the church for observation, church volunteers/employees said they won't stop their entry.
- PHI told Rob and other church volunteers/employees that PHIs must post the closure placard on the front doors where the public can see it, they said they wouldn't stop PHIs. PHI Hanrahan posted the closure placard on a window between the two front entrance doors facing outside so it is visible to the public. PHI Hanrahan said this sign must remain up and it is offence to remove the sign, the church volunteers/employees said they wouldn't remove it.
- In the lobby PHI observed people inside, most not wearing a face mask and not maintaining 2 meters physical distance.
- In the library by the balcony entrance, students were seated (not wearing masks or maintaining physical distance) for Sunday school.
- In the sanctuary there was another Sunday school class with a speaker/teacher at the podium and about 56 people seated, most not wearing face masks and some people seated within 2 meters of each other.
- RCMP and PHIs sat in the balcony seating area until the church service started around 10:45am. When service started PHI Hanrahan counted about 305 people in the sanctuary with the majority of people not wearing a face mask and sitting within 2 meters of other households.

CONTINUED IN CLOSING COMMENTS:

**Sub-Unit ID:** 0000194563

**Lab Number:**

**Compliance Record**

## 1 Compliance - Nuisance - Critical

### 1.1 01. Is the facility in compliance with verbal and/or written approvals and/or orders issued by an Executive Officer, and is the Executive Officer able to exercise their duties without obstruction or interference?

First Cited: 2021-01-31

Compliance Result: NO - Not In Compliance

This facility is operating contrary to a written order issued by an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services. A facility that has been issued a written order shall comply with the order until it is rescinded by an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services. A person who contravenes the Health Act or an order issued by an Executive Officer may be prosecuted and subject to penalty if found guilty. RSA 2000 Chapter P-37 s 62, s 73(1)

Compliance Response: Grace Life Church of Edmonton is contravention of two Executive Officers Orders (work order and closure order) and a Court of Queens Bench Order issued upon them. They were ordered closed by AHS on Jan 29, 2021 and on Jan 31, 2021 the church was observed open to the public. To date, all items listed in the Executive Officers work order issued December 17, 2020 have not been complied with.

**Target Completion Date: 2021-01-29**

## 2 Compliance - Records of Decision - Critical

### 2.1 04. Is the facility in compliance with the Records of Decision issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health during the COVID-19 pandemic?

First Cited: 2020-07-10

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**Target Completion Date: 2020-12-19**

**Closing Comments**

- The sanctuary was so full many people had to stand out in the lobby to attend the service. Many of these individuals were not wearing face masks and standing within 2 meters of others.
- PHI Hanrahan took a couple photos of the sanctuary and a video when Sunday school was occurring to show photo/video evidence that they were open to congregants, members or attendees. Around the time the church service was about to begin PHI Corey Kan was asked by a church volunteer to not take photos. It is important to note the church volunteers/employees video recorded PHIs & RCMP on their smart phones and under the Public Health Act section 59 PHIs/Executive Officers can take video/photos as part of their inspection.
- Pastor James announced to the congregation that AHS doesn't like it when they cheer for RCMP at previous services and asked that they stand and show appreciation for RCMP, all members stood and clapped. Shortly after the band started to play (piano player and guitar player) they both were singing and did not wear a face mask. Members stood to sing along, which like cheering, is considered a high risk activity for droplet spread. Most of the members singing did not have a face mask on. Members could easily follow along to sing since the words to the songs were displayed on two projector screens.
- PHIs and RCMP left the church after this.

**Actions Taken**

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