



COVID-19 FAQs

Will NET Canada be able to continue operating? How is the ministry doing financially?

NET went into the pandemic with a strong financial position. This, combined with government support, has enabled us to be confident that we can weather any financial loss due to the pandemic. At the same time, we are continuing to monitor our financial health and are conscious of how the pandemic could impact our income in the coming months.

Will ministry still start in the fall?

We can't really know what the fall will look like, but at the current pace we are confident that some type of ministry can be done, so we are still planning for a full ministry year. We are currently doing online ministry and are discovering unique ways we can still be missionary, even if our movement is limited.

What about teams travelling? What if schools and parishes aren't open or available?

We are consistently keeping updated on the policies and regulations in each province and territory to know what ministry can be done in the fall. These include the status of schools and parishes, isolation requirements for domestic and international travellers, and gathering size limitation. All these things will help us understand what particular ministry we can plan to do and where.

We are working on alternate scenarios to prepare for different realities (i.e. – ministry as usual, partial online + in-person ministry, full online ministry).

How is training for the missionaries going to happen?

We are preparing alternative scenarios for training as well. These include a mixture of online and small group meetings. We are also preparing for the possibility of delaying training if necessary for several weeks.

What precautions will the teams be taking?

We will be communicating and training all our staff and missionaries regarding proper health protocols (i.e. hand washing, sanitizing, sneezing into arms, transmission reduction). We will ensure the teams are equipped with any supplies deemed necessary including, but not limited to, hand sanitizer, masks, and screens. However, the churches and schools we minister in would have to take care of their public gathering needs regarding these things.

How will the teams be able to minister considering new health concerns?

Depending on the policies and regulations in each province and territory we are in, we are preparing to adapt our work to reflect this. This may include smaller retreat sizes, altering skits and games to be less interactive, having a greater distance between speakers and audience, or using face masks during small groups. Again, this will be decided on a case by case basis.

How will it work with host homes?

Depending on the regulations in the particular province/territory we are ministering in, we will be following all health regulations. We may also take additional precautions such as limited or no physical interactions with host homes (handshaking, hugs) and maintaining physical distancing when visiting.

We are also looking at other options of having teams stay together as a large group (or a few small groups) in church halls, community centres, etc. For more stationary teams, we may also explore the possibility of host homes allowing members to stay for longer periods which will cut down the need to move as often.

Ultimately, the safety of our host homes and missionaries will be paramount.

If ministry can't continue, what will happen to the donations that people made?

Regulations from the Canada Revenue Agency stipulate that donations cannot be returned to donors. NET will always use donations for the intended purposes of youth ministry across Canada.

What if there is a second wave of the coronavirus in the Fall?

We are preparing alternate scenarios for both ministry and missionary training if a second wave hits.

Is there anything I can do to help?

We always need your prayers and support! Pray for wisdom as we discern how God wants us to minister in new ways. Also pray for the health and safety of our missionaries, staff, host homes, schools, and parishes.

If you are able to give financially we would be grateful to have that support as well!