



## Statement Regarding Coronavirus

Updated on June 29, 2020

Hello New Life Church!

Our region of New York is currently in phase 3 of reopening, and we are ready to reopen our building and resume congregational worship! Yesterday, Sunday June 28, the leadership team and I conducted a worship service at our building which was also live streamed. Everything went very well, and we are ready to reopen for public worship on July 5! Here are some things to keep in mind because Coronavirus is still active and we have to be smart:

- If you're not feeling well or don't feel comfortable attending in-person, please join us from home via live stream. The link can be found on both our "[Home](#)" page and "[Join Us From Home](#)" page.
- We will strictly observe the capacity limits set by the state, and while we don't anticipate that this will happen, we do apologize in advance if we have to stop admittance due to reaching capacity.
- The service will begin at 10 AM, and the doors will be opened for admittance at 9:45 AM. For the safety of our staff & volunteers, we kindly ask that you do not enter the building before 9:45, but we do encourage you to arrive 5 to 15 minutes before the service begins to avoid congestion and close contact at the front doors.
- We must maintain social distance, wear our face coverings, and practice hand hygiene! We will have face coverings if you need one, plenty of hand sanitizer, and we've removed a lot of chairs and spaced the rows and aisles to ensure social distance.
  - Please wear your masks and sanitize your hands upon entry.
  - Face coverings are required at all times except while seated, provided all individuals are 6 ft. apart except for immediate household members. Be prepared to don a face covering if another person unexpectedly comes within 6 ft. (e.g. when walking to seats). Any time employees, volunteers, and/or attendees must come within 6 ft. of one another (or 12 ft., if singing), they must wear acceptable face coverings, unless they are members of the same household. Our on-stage singers and speakers will not wear face coverings but will maintain appropriate social distance.
  - A distance of at least 6 ft. must be maintained amongst all individuals at all times, unless the individuals are members of the same household. Please sit in a row with the members of your household. If members of different households sit in the same row, please leave 3 empty chairs between the parties.
  - Please refrain from holding hands, shaking hands, hugging, etc. except for immediate household members.
- Services will be shorter than normal - less than one hour.
- The multi-stall restrooms in the fellowship hall will be closed. The single-stall restrooms in the hallway will be available for emergency use.
- We will utilize offering drop boxes and prepackaged communion elements to avoid passing plates.
- There will be no Nursery or KidZone. Please keep your children with you in "big church." If you believe your children will be unable to sit with you through the service, please consider joining us from home and watching the live stream.
- There will be no paper bulletins, but our sermon notes and announcements will be available on the [Bible App](#) under "Events" and as a PDF on our [website](#).
- There will be no coffee & bagels. After the service, we will be dismissed in an orderly fashion and exit immediately to the parking lot to avoid close contact.

Please know that the church board is doing everything we can to reopen our building in a way that is safe and honors our governing authorities, and that we are very excited to gather with you for worship!

Obviously this is a very fluid and dynamic situation, and these plans are subject to change. The board will continue to move forward with caution because, as Proverbs 14:16 says, “The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence.” If there is anything that we can do to serve you during this time, please don’t hesitate to contact us via email @ [newlifesaugerties@yahoo.com](mailto:newlifesaugerties@yahoo.com), on Facebook, or by phone at (845) 481-4760 (church office) or (845) 332-3149 (Pastor’s cell).

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:4-7

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tim & The Church Council