



October 12, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We are so excited to announce that we plan to resume **Finish Line Youth Group** (for ages 12-12th Grade) on **Wednesday, October 21 at 7 PM!** We know you are concerned about the spread of COVID-19. Ensuring our staff, volunteers, and children are in a safe and healthy environment is our first priority. Per guidance from the **New York State** government, we are implementing new measures including:

1. **Doors will open at 6:45 PM for check-in.** For the safety of our staff & volunteers, we kindly ask that you do not enter the building before 6:45, but we do encourage you to arrive 5 to 15 minutes before Youth Group begins to avoid congestion and close contact at the front doors and complete the check-in process. **Parents, please remain in the parking lot until your student has been cleared to enter the building.**
2. **At check-in, students must wear masks, sanitize their hands, and have their temperatures checked.** Any student with a temperature above 100 will not be permitted to stay in the building. Any student without a mask will be provided one. Once seated and socially distanced, masks may be removed. Masks must be worn if singing, moving around the room, and whenever 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained, except with members of their own household.
3. **Students must maintain at least 6 feet social distance from others, except members of their own household.** Seating will be arranged to facilitate social distancing. Due to limited capacity, students may be asked to sit with other members of their household/siblings.
4. **Snacks and drinks will not be served.** Please be sure your student has eaten before coming to Youth Group. They may bring their own water bottle if needed.
5. **Students must remain in designated areas for the duration of the service.** Please remain with your youth leaders in whichever meeting space they have arranged. In an emergency, please use the single stall restroom in the hallway. This will help our staff to keep the facilities clean and sanitized and minimize the risk of COVID-19 spreading.
6. **Youth Group will be 1 hour; pick up is at 8 PM.** This will help to minimize social contact and the risk of COVID-19. **Parents, please arrive promptly at 8 to pick up your student, and wait in your car for them to be released to you.**
7. **All staff & volunteers will wear masks, sanitize their hands, and complete a health screening questionnaire and temperature check before working with your student.** Anyone with symptoms, a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, or contact with someone with a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19 within the last 14 days, or who has traveled internationally or nationally to any area covered by the governors' travel advisory within the last 14 days, will not be permitted in the facility.

We need your help:

1. **If you or your student is sick, stay home.**
2. **Notify us if you or your student develop COVID-19 symptoms while at the church.** These include: cough, fever, sore throat, and/or shortness of breath, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, runny nose, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.
3. **Encourage your student to maintain proper social distance, wear a face covering, practice proper hand hygiene, and cover their cough and sneeze.**

We will stay up to date with the federal government's recommendations as they may continue to change. In addition, **New Life Church** is in close contact with the local and state health department and is following their guidance. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Tim O'Dell, lead pastor, at 845.332.3149**. For additional information, please visit the [CDC's coronavirus disease information page](#).

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the well-being of one another!

Sincerely,

Pastor Tim, Lead Pastor
Pastor James, Family Care Pastor
The Church Council