

Dear New Life Church family,

On February 9, “Governor Hochul announced that the statewide indoor business mask-or-vaccine requirement will be lifted starting Thursday, February, 10, and will remain optional for businesses, local governments and counties to enforce. This protocol, a temporary measure implemented on December 10 as statewide cases spiked, was an effective tool to address the winter surge and the rise of the Omicron variant. With case counts plummeting and hospitalizations sharply declining, this temporary measure is no longer needed statewide...Governor Hochul also announced plans to assess the mask requirement in schools in early March...” (ny.gov)

In light of these recent developments, the church council is excited to announce that we will begin to move in the direction of “normal” services at New Life Church.

**Effective immediately:** Masks will no longer be required in our facilities.

**We will continue to:**

- Make masks and socially distanced seating areas available and optional based upon each person’s choice.
- Livestream our Sunday service in order to offer a safe alternative for those who have safety concerns for themselves and/or others.

**In the near future, we plan to reintroduce:**

- More praise songs.
- Dismissal of the children to KidZone after the praise portion of our service.
- Coffee, refreshments and fellowship after the service.

I praise God for you, New Life! You have worked so hard to maintain the unity of the Spirit; you have respected those holding different opinions; you have extended grace and compassion to one another and your neighbors; and you have cooperated with federal, state, county and church safety guidelines for almost 2 years! I love you, thank God for you, and ask that you continue to excel in all of these things as we move forward together!

Grace & Peace,

Tim O’Dell, pastor