NEWLIFE CHURCH

We would "that you would prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers," 3 John 1:2.

Greetings New Life Family and Friends. We're truly excited to be approaching the season in which we believe God is calling us to return to in-person worship! We thank God for sustaining and keeping both our church and individual families during these unprecedented times.

As we prepare, we want to assure you of our commitment to do everything within our power to ensure a safe worship experience for you, your loved ones and the New Life Church Family. To that end, here are some of the protocols that you should expect to see in place when you return:

- **Social Distancing Guidelines**: we will continue to follow all county, state and governmentally mandated social distancing guidelines while gathering for in person worship. As of "May 28, 2021, Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks lifted the mask mandate and social distancing restrictions" previously in place within Prince George's County. Throughout the pandemic, the protocols and safety guidelines in place have constantly been in flux. Given such, in an attempt to operate from an abundance of caution, we will continue to limit the capacity of our in-person worship experiences and implore social distancing while gathering. Updates and specific details pertaining thereto will be consistently outlined and communicated through our website, membership database, email listings, New Life Church App and during live and virtual worship experiences. To find out more about Prince George's County's current protocols and guidelines, please see the following link: https://www.experienceprincegeorges.com/covid-19/

- **Mask Mandates**: in like manner, we will continue to follow all federal and locally mandated Mask Mandates and guidelines. While there are currently no such mandates in place within Prince George's County, we feel our call to accountability and stewardship of God's people, demands that we make every effort to ensure that we minimize the potential for any possible transmission of the COVID19 virus during our times of gathering. As we've learned from scientists and health care professionals throughout the pandemic, Face Coverings continue to be heralded as one of the best defenses against the continued transmission of disease. As a result, we will continue to require that Face Coverings be worn by all guests and members of the congregation during gathered in person worship experiences. As we endeavor to do so, please be kind and considerate of the members of our team who will be working to ensure that we each do our best to comply with this important safety protocol. We appreciate your patience and continued support as we strive to create a worship environment that allows for the free-flowing move of the Spirit of God, while also keeping each of us safe.

- **Pre-Registration Will Be Required**: contact tracing is a key step in preventing the spread of disease in the event in which an unexpected exposure to the COVID19 virus occurs. In order to disseminate news of such an exposure as quickly and effectively as possible, we will require pre-registration for each of our in-person worship experiences. Pre-Registration will also help us to prevent overcrowding, thereby ensuring that we can effectively exercise the social distancing protocols currently in place. To pre-register, members of the congregation should complete the online registration form distributed via email from our membership database. Opportunities to attend our in-person worship experiences will also be extended to our New Life Church extended family (non-members) as current capacity limits are lifted. Un-registered persons will not be permitted to enter the auditorium.

- **Temperature Checks**: the detection of an elevated temperature has become one of the safest, least invasive methods for disease prevention currently implored by the organizations and businesses that have allowed large scale gatherings to take place within their facilities. It is an important safety protocol that we will continue to exercise as we do all we can to keep those persons gathered safe. Temperature checks should be expected upon entry into the auditorium. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a temperature of 100.4 or above is considered to be a fever and an indicator of potentially transmittable disease. Any person identified as having such a temperature will not be permitted to enter. We strongly encourage each potential worshipper and guest, to monitor their health and assess the presence of any symptoms that could indicate the presence of COVID19. For a full listing of those symptom please see the following link: https://www.cdc.gov/screening/index.html . On behalf of our staff, volunteer teams and church family, we thank each of you for doing your part, to help keep each of us safe.

We will continue to offer both virtual and in person worship experiences as we transition more fully into this season of "new normal." In so doing, we ask that you remain prayerful, concerning the ways in which you and your loved ones might best continue to support and participate in the various ministry opportunities offered by our church. We're excited about our future and grateful for your partnership and participation thus far. We look forward to journeying together, as God continues to craft New Life Church into a place where all of His children can *Belong, Believe and Become* who it is, that they've been destined to be!