



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 beginning to bring the COVID-19 Pandemic to a close! We thank God for sustaining and keeping both our church and families during these unprecedented times.

As we prepare to do so, we want to assure you of our commitment to do everything within our power to ensure a safe transition 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:

- **Pre-Registration Will No Longer Be Required:** we are grateful that due to the continued decrease in COVID-19 cases throughout Prince Georges County and surrounding areas, we will no longer require worshippers to register for worship in advance. As such, you should feel free to come out and join us for our in-person worship experiences as you feel led!
- **Social Distancing Guidelines:** we will continue to follow all county, state and governmentally mandated social distancing guidelines while gathering for in person worship. Throughout the pandemic, the protocols and safety guidelines in place have constantly been in flux. We are grateful, that due to the current status of the pandemic, social distancing guidelines have now been relaxed and in some cases eliminated nationwide. As such those gathering will now be permitted to seat themselves in any available seat in which they feel comfortable. In doing so, we will continue to strive to create a worship environment that is comfortable for all those in attendance. To that end, please feel free to make your comfort level known to our ushers and greeters, while being seated. We will make every effort to ensure that both you and those worshipping with you, are able to do so in a way that prioritizes comfort and safety. Updates and details pertaining thereto will be consistently outlined and communicated through our website, membership database, email listings, New Life Church App and during live and recorded 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 masks are now optional in both Prince George's County and on the Bowie State University Campus, we feel that we must continue to 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.

Vaccination Required: according to the Centers for Disease Control, “can lower your risk of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines also help prevent serious illness and death in children and adults even if they do get COVID-19. In short, what we now know due an abundance of medical research, scientific data and support is that vaccinations work. We will continue to require vaccination for all adults, who attend our in person worship experiences. While your vaccination card will not be required for attendance, we do ask on behalf of all those in attendance, that if you are not fully vaccinated, please stay home and join us online! We will continue to provide updates on our vaccination requirement as time moves on.

We will continue to offer both virtual and in person worship experiences as we transition more fully into this “new normal.” In doing so, 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. To find our more about the specific COVID-19 protocols in place on Bowie States campus, you visit them online at <https://www.bowiestate.edu/campus-life/health-and-wellness/henry-wise-wellness-center/corona-virus-information/index.php>

We look forward to journeying together, as God continues to craft New Life into a place where all of His children can Belong, Believe and Become who it is, that they’ve been destined to be!