

NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Church Update:

We understand that some people may be feeling concerned about the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. At New Hope Christian Fellowship, we are researching and seeking out as much current information as possible to fully protect our church community.

We are following the guidelines from the various public health authorities to ensure the health and safety of our campus. **Currently, our plan is to continue hosting church services.**

The following is an update of some of the procedures we will be enacting:

A. Over the last few weeks, New Hope staff and volunteers have taken a series of steps in response to this developing public health crisis:

- We have purchased supplies to equip our classrooms, offices, and rooms with hand sanitizer bottles, sanitizing wipes, and boxes of facial tissues.
- The Greeters are to hand out bulletins only and to avoid physical contact.
- We are using chemical spray bottles to wipe down door handles and commonly used fixtures.
- When a child shows any sign of being ill, parents are asked to pick up their child.
- We will be temporarily suspending the "meet and greet" time during the service.
- We are also going to change the way we do our Sunday morning offering time. Baskets will be in the back during church for tithing instead of passing them around.
- The Cafe will be temporarily shut down, although the food closet will remain open during this time of caution.

B. We strongly recommend that you follow these guidelines set forth by the various local, state, federal authorities as well as from several medical professionals:

- If anyone has a cough, cold or flu symptoms; or have a fever and/or respiratory infection symptoms; or have been exposed to any ill contacts, please stay home.
- Remain at home until fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands with soap and water regularly. Alcohol hand sanitizers are also effective.
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. If you use a tissue, wash your hands afterwards.

C. If any member or staff is aware that they have been exposed to COVID-19, they are to stay home for two weeks.

- How does one potentially know if they have been exposed? Here is what professional medical personnel say:
 - o Within the past 48 hours have you experienced a fever, cough, sore throat, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue (tiredness) or shortness of breath?
 - o Within the last 14 days have you had contact with someone known to have coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or on the Grand Princess cruise ship?
 - o Within the last 14 days have you traveled to South Korea, Italy, China, or Iran

I encourage you to trust the Lord and not fear the "what ifs" of this current pandemic. The Lord is with us always; in good and bad, certain and uncertain. God guarantees the Holy Spirit upholding us in the midst of all our circumstances. His nearness is certain. Praises be to God!

The New Hope staff is privileged to serve you, and I covet your prayers as we overcome this challenge with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Behold He comes,
Pastor Jeff Axtell
New Hope Christian Fellowship