

Dear New Life Family,

Each day we pray, plan, and work hard to make sure that your family is able to experience the presence of God in a safe environment.

With this in mind, we want to communicate with you about how we are seeking to address the Coronavirus issue. We have recently learned of the [two cases of the virus in southeast Michigan](#), and several public Universities taking precautionary measures. As a church family, **we want to be ready and help you be confident and comfortable in attending upcoming services.**

NL Kids

We're working diligently to ensure our environments are clean and safe for you and your family. We take the following steps at every service to prevent the spread of germs:

- Volunteers follow hand-washing procedures and children are instructed to wash their hands after using the bathroom.
- We wash or sanitize children's hands before snacks.
- Volunteers in our Kid's area spray changing pads with disinfectant solution and wash or sanitize hands after each diaper change.
- We disinfect tables, countertops, crawling mats, and large toys.
- We safely set aside toys after they are used by babies or put into children's mouths. These toys are sprayed with disinfectant solution and allowed to air dry or are sanitized in a dishwasher.
- Any fabrics, like blankets, that are used by babies are used only once and then are machine laundered using pediatrician-recommended detergents.

Updated Precautions

For the upcoming weekends, we're adding the following precautions:

- Hand sanitizer is placed throughout heavily trafficked areas in our buildings.
- We encourage waving and smiling rather than handshakes and hugs.

- To minimize the need to touch door handles, doors will be propped open and our Volunteers will hold exterior doors open to greet you.

Along with these steps, to prevent the unnecessary spread of germs in a large gathering of people, we also recommend familiarizing yourself with these CDC and World Health Organization recommendations:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Stay home when you are sick or if you have been exposed to any sickness.**

If you or your children are feeling sick, we encourage you to join us online at thisisnewlife.com or on [Facebook](#). We stream our services live on Sundays at 10:00AM. Our EQUIP classes are recorded and available on our site by Monday of the following week.

Our staff will be monitoring updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is partnering with local officials and medical professionals to formulate a preparedness plan. This plan will change and adjust based on the updates we receive.

Additionally, we want to remind everyone that fear spreads faster than any virus can. With so much emphasis about the Coronavirus on the news and social media, it is imperative that we are wise, but not paralyzed by fear. Currently, all of these steps are simply proactive and preventative. We want to encourage everyone to not allow anxiety or panic to rule the day and keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus. Stay in the Word and your ear tuned into the Holy Spirit as we would during any other season. The wisdom of the Lord is essential and applies to every possible scenario that we may encounter.

Praying for continued health and safety,

Leadership Team