

# CHURCH Reopening Guidelines

*As New York starts reopening business and lifting some restrictions, it's time to start thinking about what will happen when we reopen the church. We're not heading back to the way things used to be. We're opening a new chapter after what we've learned from this pandemic. We want to make sure we are honoring both God and each other.*

## Hand Sanitizer Stations

We ask that everyone sanitize their hands when they enter the building.



## Wash your hands.

Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water



## Clean Surfaces

All hard surfaces that are touched or handled are disinfected before and after service

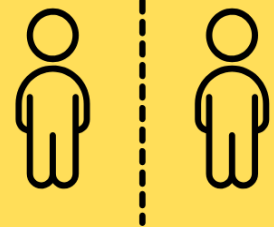
## We want to spread the Gospel, not germs

Please avoid physical contact, no handshakes or hugs



## Stand together by not standing together

Please make sure you stay 6 feet away from others not in your immediate family

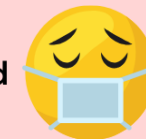


## Please wear a facemask

Our local government has mandated face masks unless you have a physical reason you can't wear one.

## Feeling Sick = STAY HOME

If you have had a fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, body aches, or any other Covid symptoms within the last 2 weeks please keep others safe and stay home



## Why are we following all the guidelines?

The Bible speaks about honoring civil authorities in Romans 13 and as a church, we have been doing our best to do that. We want to be pleasing to God and be a good testimony to men. We need to have a good attitude about reopening our church. We are starting a new chapter in the history of VCC and when we reopen, things will be different than they were before.

Consider this: ***Philippians 2:1-4 - Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests but also for the interests of others.***

During these circumstances, we need to have a heart for other people. Put their needs before our own. We need to be willing to be a little inconvenienced for the sake of other people. The apostle Paul continues in that same chapter.

***Philippians 2:14-15 Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, NKJV***

I believe that this is a time for us to show our neighbors, friends, and community examples of what a good Christian can be, we need to be like Christ.

## So, what will our gathering look like?

- Our facilities will undergo a deep cleaning paying close attention to heavy traffic areas to ensure your safety.
- We will implement social distancing protocols, along with other safety precautions, including the requiring of facemasks, multiple hand-sanitizing stations throughout our buildings, blocking out seats, and limiting the number of individuals in restrooms.
- Doors will be propped open to avoid touching surfaces.
- The Coffee bar and hospitality areas will be closed.
- Kids church and youth will adhere to the same guidelines as adults.
- No offering buckets will be passed during services. Instead, buckets will be available in front and back of the church and we are encouraging online giving.
- Communion elements will be individually prepackaged.
- Handout and printed materials will not be distributed or in a very limited manner.

## What is your part?

- We ask that you practice social distancing
- Avoid physical contact when possible- No handshakes and hugs
- Wear a mask
- Keep your hands clean with hand sanitizing and hand washing
- If you are not feeling well, stay home and watch online and let us know so we can pray with you.
- Don't be fearful- 2 Tim 1:7 (God has not given you a spirit of fear)
- Be glad and rejoice that we can be together again!