

COVID-19 Response Updates from Harvest Time Bible Church

11/20/2020

Seeing everyone love God, love people and doing something about it continues to be our mission. The mission does not change even though at times our methods are called upon to change. This is one of those moments, due to the major increase in COVID positivity rate, death rate and hospitalization in Whiteside county and the surrounding Sauk Valley Community. Additionally, these changes are a response to the recommendations from local health officials as well as the Whiteside Country Health department (We owe our healthcare workers a deep debt of gratitude and our prayers as they continue to fight this virus). In order to do our part as citizens of this community, we are responding as follows:

#1 Life Groups

Students, Kids groups will all move to online only ministry beginning Monday, November 23.

Adult groups: Community Life Groups are moving online. Sunday Life groups are highly recommended to move online unless the following guidelines can be met:

- #1 Maintain social distance
- #2 Wear a mask
- #3 Refrain from physical contact
- #4 Households that live together sit together.
- #5 If you have any symptoms (flu or cold like) please stay home.
- #6 No food or refreshments are to be served

#2 Church Campus Closure:

Our campus will be closed outside of our Sunday Worship Services. This will mean that no groups will be allowed on the church campus throughout the week. Additionally, the Church Office will be closed to walk-ins; however, appointments may be set with ministry staff by calling the church office or contacting the individual directly. Our pastors and ministry staff will continue to work to continue to serve our church family throughout the week.

*Only exception is the Thanksgiving Dinner

#3 Sunday Worship Gatherings:

As far as our weekend worship gatherings, we will continue to provide in-person and online Sunday Worship at 8 & 11 AM. We will continue to implement our safety precautions in order to ensure that you can continue to be connected with God and each other. However, if our community's or our church COVID data continues to get worse, we will move all services to online only.

Please know, there will be no nursery or kids' ministry during these times.

Please help us to be able to continue to meet in person for worship by following these 5 simple guidelines

- #1 Always maintain social distance of 6'
- #2 Wear a mask
- #3 Refrain from physical contact and do not group up with others.
- #4 Households that live together sit together.
- #5 If you have any symptoms (flu or cold like) please stay home.