



Resurrection Life Church

Cheektowaga, New York

Dear Res Life Members & Guests,

At this point, we are all aware of the news of the spread of the COVID-19 virus. It is impacting every part of our nation and world in profound ways. As individuals, we understand, appreciate and share the concerns that many of you have. We continue to pray for our nation and God's protection upon those being impacted here and abroad.

Part of our mission here at Resurrection Life Church is to deliver encouragement and guidance in reflecting the light and love of Jesus Christ and to equip and encourage people to face challenges with strength and hope. There is no doubt that we are seeing these challenges unfold right before our eyes.

What do we do from here? As a church, it's our time to shine brighter than ever. It's an opportunity for us to respond to all situations with greater patience, compassion and understanding. This season is certainly different and difficult, but we are determined to make the greatest impact for Christ while moving forward with wisdom and caution. Both can be accomplished!

We love our church, we love you, we love our community and we are so very proud of the faithfulness of our church members. Many are wondering what is going to happen with church services going forward. As of now, all services, meetings and events, will go on as scheduled. We are working in accordance with municipality guidelines regarding public meetings of assembly. As of now, however, we have received no word on any restrictions that would change our status, so services will continue at normal times. In addition, the Resurrection Life Food Pantry will continue its regular schedule of operations. We are monitoring the situation and are making preparations to adjust operations and schedules as necessary. We will, of course, remain in full compliance with any municipal requirements moving forward.

In addition to our regular maintenance and cleaning routine, we have already taken greater steps to ensure the safety of all those within our facilities. All door handles, inside and out and surfaces which are typically exposed to human contact, such as counters and cupboards, are being disinfected multiple times per week. In addition, we have located additional hand sanitizing stations and dispensers where people typically gather. Of course, ample supplies are available in all of our restrooms in order that recommended and regular handwashing may be accomplished while with us. Our Food Pantry is also augmenting some of its procedures to limit the potential of physical contact between people, furniture, fixtures and equipment. We are also working with our volunteer teams in order to promote a healthy environment for all those coming into our facility.

Now, here's what you can do. First, we ask that anyone who is sick or is exhibiting symptoms of sickness, to please stay home. Additionally, we ask that you be sensitive to the concern of others regarding shaking hands, high fives, or any hand touching and adopt a warm and friendly, but touchless approach to greeting one another. Further, we understand that some might want to stay home from church during this time and we encourage you to watch the live stream of the services at [Facebook.com/ResurrectionLife](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionLife).

One last thing— these are challenging times for all of us, including the church. We encourage everyone, whether you're coming to church or staying home, to continue to be faithful in giving. Some businesses may have the benefit of financial bailouts and relief during tough seasons. Ministries like ours do not have that safety net, but we do have something even better...God's faithfulness and that of His people. You can still give at res-life.com should you choose to give online or you can bring your offering to church. We will keep you updated as this thing continues to change. You can also check our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram ([@ResLifeBuffalo](https://www.instagram.com/ResLifeBuffalo)) for updates.

We are praying for you, your families, and God's protection every single day. Please keep praying for our community and leaders at every level. Pray for wisdom for the decision makers among us. And lastly, pray for the church and its mission to bring a spotlight of God's grace during this challenging time.

Thank you and God bless you!

Pastor John Tonelli and the Ministry Team of Resurrection Life Church