

## **Opening Up Worship Services**

New Holland CRC

June 14, 2020

The New Holland Christian Reformed Church council decided to open up public worship services further in a safe manner, beginning this Sunday, June 14. Following are the areas opening up. A copy of this can be found on the church's Facebook page and on the church's website; and hard copies can be found in the kitchen.

The council reminds everyone to exercise caution in deciding whether to attend and participate in the opened activities. Especially if you are elderly, are in a weakened physical condition, or have symptoms of a cold or flu. And please try to observe social distancing as best you can. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Communion**

1. The elements will be prepared observing the following practices:
  - a. The trays and tables will be sanitized.
  - b. The elements will be prepared and placed on the tables with plastic gloves.
2. At the communion service this Sunday, June 14, we will go forward to partake of the elements.
  - a. We will be directed when to come forward and be reminded to observe distancing.
  - b. The elements will be on tables and elders will stay behind the tables.
  - c. We will pick a piece of bread and eat it immediately. We will then take a cup and drink it immediately, taking the cup with us to place in the bench.

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A number of areas will open up, observing the following practices.

1. Coffee Fellowship
  - a. We will start coffee fellowship again after the worship service in the fellowship hall.
  - b. Those that are hesitant about such close contact have the option to go straight home. Please take your refreshments to fellowship outside, if you are able.
  - c. One couple will prepare and pour all the drinks, using plastic gloves.
  - d. Cookies will also be provided, in addition to the drinks.
  - e. At a table set to the side, another couple will put individual cookies on napkins, using plastic gloves. They will also monitor how many cookies children are taking!
2. Printed bulletins will be placed at all four entryways.

3. Nursery
  - a. Nursery will start up again.
  - b. Those that feel uncomfortable working in the nursery should find a replacement. Or they can contact the nursery scheduler, Danica Zomer, about this.
4. Children's Church will start up again.
5. Children's messages will start up again, as normal.
6. Scripture reading, special music, and speakers will be start up again.
  - a. If possible, a separate mic could be designated for use, other than by the praise team.
  - b. Sanitary wipes will be in the front of the sanctuary to wipe off any mic that will be used by more than one person. They can also be used for the piano if we have more than one person playing the piano in a service.
  - c. Sanitizer will also be available up front for use.

We will NOT open up the follow areas:

1. No greeters at the entryways.
2. No regular seating. We will keep the staggered seating on marked benches.
3. No mutual greeting during the worship service.
4. No offering plates passed during the worship service. We will continue to use the following methods of giving.
  - Boxes near the exits. Please use envelopes and designate your offering, if possible. Loose offerings go toward the church's general fund.
  - Mail to the church: PO Box 3, New Holland, SD 57364.
  - The blue box outside the entry to the fellowship hall.
  - Online at the CRC website: [crcna.org/ChurchGiving](http://crcna.org/ChurchGiving)
5. Not exit normally. We will continue to exit in a directed, orderly manner. We will continue to observe distancing as much as possible. We will, however, have the option of going directly outside or going to the fellowship hall.

## **Second Worship Services**

The council will wait until July to decide what to do about the second worship service. Everyone is encouraged to contact a council member with your thoughts about this.