

COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene

This plan was developed to support implementation of public health activities required to minimize the spread of COVID19 at Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene and was informed by CDC Guidance.

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Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene Plan

Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene is committed to providing a safe and healthy facility for staff, members, volunteers, and guests. This plan was developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure we implement strategies and procedures to preserve public health. It is expected that the entire church will have a role in implementing this plan to mitigate transmission of COVID-19 within our facility and our community that would result in a disruption to our mission. Therefore, all persons in our facility will be expected to comply with all aspects of this plan. The church leadership and board will have full support in enforcing the provisions of this policy.

This plan has been developed with input from key church leaders with integration of concerns and issues. Guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and New York State Department of Health have been incorporated into the plan as appropriate including:

- Hygiene, cleaning, and disinfecting;
- Prompt identification and isolation of sick persons;
- Controls for social distancing;
- Housekeeping, including cleaning, disinfection and decontamination;
- Communications and training that will be provided to persons on-site; and
- Management and supervision necessary to ensure effective implementation of the plan.

This preparedness and response plan assume the following:

1. Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene will follow guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
2. Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene personnel will fall into different disease risk categories and decisions for return to the facility will be made in accordance with medical and public health guidance for risk stratification (e.g. age, health status). Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene's role is not to determine the risk level of individuals; rather the church leadership should ensure that individuals can make their own informed choices and be supported.
3. Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene personal and activities resumption will occur in a phased approach and comply with established guidance provided in this plan.
4. The COVID19 situation will evolve and Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene will remain adaptable and nimble to the dynamic environment. The baseline level of risk for those working and using our facility will change as restaurants and retail businesses reopen, schools reopen, Covid vaccination expands, etc., requiring a reassessment of what level of resumption and precautions are appropriate.

5. Those functions that can practically stay at home to complete work will do so until Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene is fully opened to minimize large gatherings.
6. Social distancing, wearing of masks or other appropriate PPE, hand-washing, and disinfection of surfaces are key factors to reducing the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.
7. Personal responsibility is key to safe operations and the avoidance of disease transmission. Educational materials will be developed for staff, members, and guests to the Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene facility.

COVID-19 Plan Management

The COVID-19 church coordinator is David Vassel and is responsible for COVID-19 assessment and implementation of this plan with Shubert Jacobs. All staff in the facility will be provided with the coordinator's name and how to contact the coordinator with any COVID-19 concerns. The coordinator can be reached by contacting Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene Administration office at 718-515-4633. Infection control and occupational safety and health plans will apply to anyone working in or visiting the church (e.g., all staff, members, and visitors).

- The church coordinator(s) and staff leadership are aware of and will follow all applicable regulations and public health agency guidelines.
- Facility assessments to identify COVID-19 risks and prevention strategies should be done periodically as part of sound occupational health and public health practice. This plan will be reviewed periodically to ensure effectiveness.

Facility Public Health Measures

Handwashing

Anyone in the Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene facility is instructed to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water prior to any mealtimes, and after using the toilet. Hand-sanitizer dispensers (that use sanitizers of greater than 60% alcohol) can be used for hand hygiene in place of soap and water, as long as hands are not visibly soiled. Hand sanitizers will be placed at every church entrance, outside of restrooms, near common areas, classrooms and childcare rooms (see itemize list). Educational and directional signs/posters will be placed in strategic areas.

In occupied areas, custodial staff will be checking and replenishing soap dispensers, paper towels, and hand sanitizer stations at a minimum of once per day, and more often in heavily trafficked public spaces. Outside support may be required for special events.

Respiratory etiquette:

Everyone is asked to cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing and to avoid touching their face—in particular their mouth, nose, and eyes—with their hands. Tissues should be disposed of in the trash and individuals should wash or sanitize their hands immediately afterward. Educational and directional signs/posters will be placed in strategic areas. The CDC “Stop the Spread of Germs” poster are posted in all building lobbies and other common areas. Paper tissues will be placed in common areas. Employees are expected to wear cloth face coverings (masks) in public settings where social distancing measures are

difficult to maintain. Individuals may bring their own mask, or Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene will provide them for the staff.

Social distancing

Everyone entering the facility is asked to practice social distancing on public health guidance and best practices. These measures may be adjusted according to phases of this preparedness and response plan.

Staff, members, and guests will avoid gathering in groups and in confined areas where six feet separation cannot be maintained. Staff, members, and guests are required to wear masks at all times. Masks may be removed when staff are in their personal offices and where six feet of separation is feasible.

Shared staff offices will be assessed and where feasible staff will be reassigned to other working areas or alternate hours to maintain social distancing.

In areas where shared workspace is in use, sanitizing wipes are available to clean prior to and after use. Wipes must be immediately disposed of in the trash after use.

Staff will avoid using anyone else's personal protective equipment, phones, computer equipment, desks, cubicles, workstations, offices, or other personal work tools and equipment.

Common spaces such as break rooms, classrooms, Sanctuary will be rearranged to promote social distancing.

- Bronx Bethany will:
 - Re-Opening in phases
 - 3 services (2 online and 1 in-person)
 - Limit all weekly activities to Founder's Hall to limit need for cleaning multiple areas as well as exposure
 - Limit Praise & Worship (in-person service) to maximum 3 people (stage is only 24 ft in length).
 - Supplement Praise & Worship with the use of soloists
 - On days of Holy Communion, the sacraments will be blessed and then placed in the holes in the back of the pews. Placement accommodations will be made for locations without access for holes (front pews, AV in the rear and others without access to the holes on the pew).
 - Onsite offerings will be placed in a dedicated receptacle at the exit to Manchand foyer. Online offering will remain as an option for onsite congregants
 - Post signs on sidewalk to aid social distancing
 - No food, valet parking, Nursery or children's programs during Phase 1 opening.
 - Upgrade all signage (Know your Ws (3Ws to reduce risk of Covid! at all entrances and exits) throughout facility

- Introduce office hours to aide more effective communication with congregants and the wider public
- Use dance room as Quarantine Room, since there might be individuals who may experience COVID like symptoms but are not able to leave the facility immediately after symptoms are detected/felt.
- Individual mics for each person or clean mics after each use
- Sanitize podium after each person uses it.
- No socializing after service
- Clean benches, equipment, etc. between services

Housekeeping

Regular housekeeping practices are being enhanced by Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene staff in accordance with [CDC guidance](#). Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted in shared spaces (e.g. break rooms) and high-touch areas (e.g. door handles, railings).

- All custodial staff and their supervisors are provided refresher training on proper cleaning techniques, as well as background information on COVID-19 (See BBCN Cleaning training)
- All cleaning products meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements.
- If there is a confirmed positive case reported to the Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene, the BBCN cleaning team will coordinate cleaning and disinfecting of the affected space following CDC guidelines.
- BBCN Janitorial team will clean public spaces such as building lobbies, restrooms, door handles, handrails, and elevator buttons at least once daily, and more frequently if deemed necessary.

Screening, Exposure, and Illness Policies

Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene will notify all staff of screening protocols, self-monitoring guidelines, and policies for staff exposed or exhibiting symptoms using establish CoVID-19 communications. All COVID-19 related updates will be relayed to staff using existing leadership meetings.

Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene has leave policies that encourage staff to stay at home when they are sick, when household members are sick, or when they are required by a healthcare provider to isolate or quarantine themselves or a member of their household.

Employee Self-Screening for those Working On-Site

Staff members should conduct self-monitoring for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Symptoms of the virus often include but are not limited to fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

Information on COVID-19 signs and symptoms are available at the [CDC website](#).

Staff must report symptoms by contacting Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene Administration office at 718-515-4633.

Employees/staff exhibiting symptoms should not come into the church. All employees should:

- Complete Health Questionnaire
- take temperature in the morning, log those results and report any fever to Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene Administration office at 718-515-4633.
- Report any exposure to COVID-19 positive individuals, respiratory symptoms, sore throat, or dry cough to Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene Administration office at 718-515-4633.
- If the employee indicates any of these conditions, Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene Administration office at 718-515-4633 may require that the staff stay home and seek guidance from their healthcare provider.
- If an employee begins to exhibit symptoms at work, they will be isolated in the Dance room while arrangements are made to transport the staff home.

Confirmed Cases

If a COVID-19 case is confirmed in a staff member or in a member of their household, the staff member will be asked to remain at home and considered to be in quarantine for no less than 14 days. A facility assessment will begin to determine what additional public health and cleaning measures should be implemented.

Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene will work with New York City Department of Health Department to inform staff members if they have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in our facility, and New York City Department of Health will provide instructions regarding staff self-quarantine measures.

Consistent with compliance with the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), staff members health status and health information will be protected.

Communications and Training

This preparedness and response plan is communicated with staff and key stakeholders. Training will be available to staff and persons using the facility.

- Return to Work Training
 - Topics should include but not limited to: Personal Protective Equipment, disinfection measures, social distancing protocol, COVID-19 signs and symptoms information, return-to-work policies, self-monitoring practices, signage, time-off options and all other COVID-19-related safe workplace changes.
- Enhanced Cleaning
- Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene visitor requirements handout
- Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene facility use handout

Facility Use

Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene serves as a gathering place for congregation and community members. Gathering purposes in the congregation include congregational work, support to social justice missions, celebration events, community meeting, and social engagements. Use of the facility will be based on the phases of this plan and align with state guidance and policies. Priority will be given to mission related activities.

Sunday Worship:

- Create portal online for application/registration to attend service – automatic cutoff at max capacity per NYC. Name, address, phone number, email address, service they wish to attend, etc.
- Temperature check before entering building. Refuse entry to persons with temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit/ 37.7 degrees Celsius
- Complete Covid questionnaire no more than 3 days before or upon arrival
- Sanitize hands before entering building
- One or 2 persons in the elevator each trip
- Reserve a few seats for guests who might walk in (unscheduled) off the street
- Separate entrance and exit
- Mask mandatory (have disposable mask available for persons without mask or wearing unacceptable masks)
- Hosts monitor persons who remove or lower mask during worship and ensure they are replaced.
- Households sit together otherwise each person 6 ft apart
- Maximum of 2 persons in bathroom at a time (monitored by usher)

Other Use:

Any group that would like to use the facility while this plan is operational must request use using the Request for Facility Use form (Appendix A). Each request will be reviewed by an internal committee designated by church leadership.

If approved, each group utilizing the facility will be required:

- Review training provided by Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene
- Share Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene facility rules with participants
 - Conduct appropriate social distancing
 - Wear masks
 - Wash hands
 - Cover cough
- Take attendance to include name and contact information
- Complete Health Questionnaire and sign BBCN Covid Waiver

No member of the congregation or community may use the facility until they have received approval from the COVID-19 coordinator or designee.

Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene Phases

The purpose of this phase approach is to provide guidance and direction for activities at the church. The disease progression is imperfectly known and there may be times where Bronx Bethany Church of The Nazarene may need to move back and forth between phases.



WEB RESOURCES

Appendix B - Guidance for developing a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

Date	Updated	Title	Website
3/20/2021		Covid vaccine guidelines for fully vaccinated	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html
3/20/2021		CDC Coronavirus (COVID-19)	www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV
3/20/2021		CDC Resources for businesses and employers	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/workplaces-businesses/index.html
3/20/2021		CDC General business frequently asked questions	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html
3/20/2021		Federal OSHA	www.osha.gov
3/20/2021		Handwashing	www.cdc.gov/handwashing file:///Users/user/Desktop/Desktop/BBCN Covid/Covid%20posters/3Ws_RTSL.pdf
3/20/2021		Respiratory etiquette: Cover your cough or sneeze	www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/etiquette/coughing_sneezing.html www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html
3/20/2021		Housekeeping	www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2 www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html
3/20/2021		Employees exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19	www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html
3/20/2021		Training	www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-small-business.html www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf https://www.signs.com/coronavirus-signage/#social-distancing1
3/20/2021		K-12 School	https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0319-new-evidence-classroom-physical-distance.html
4/12/2021		Covid-19 testing sites NY	https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page

4/12/2021		Covid-19 testing sites NJ	https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing
4/12/2021		Covid-19 testing Ct	https://www.211ct.org/search?terms=COVID-19%20Diagnostic%20Tests&page=1&location=Connecticut&taxonomy_code=11048&service_area=connecticut

BBCN RE-OPENING WORKFLOW

UPON ARRIVAL/ BASEMENT LEVEL

- Upon arrival to church, the Registered Attendees/ Guests are to be wearing a CDC approved mask (no gator or respirator masks).
 - If masks are needed, they will be provided by the Ushers.
- Attendees queues along the sidewalk (E 227th St/ Paulding Av) standing by the marked decals or cones
- Guests queue in the opposite direction (E 227th St/ Bronxwood) and or approach the Guest Desk under the Parking Garage
- Guest completes Health Questionnaire, gets temperature checked with a handheld thermometer, sanitizes hands and proceeds to main entrance
- Host checks the body temperature of attendees with a handheld thermometer
- Attendees sanitizes hands, confirms their registration at the Registration Desk before they are allowed to go upstairs.
- Registration will be confirmed by show of a barcode or by name search.
- Usher supervises the elevator by ensuring that the elevator transports no more than three passengers per trip
- Attendees/Guests have the option of using the staircase, while social distancing, if they do not wish to use the elevator. Hand sanitizer will be offered upon emerging from the staircase

APPROVED ENTRY/ 1ST FLOOR LEVEL/ SANCTURAY

- Attendees/Guests exits the elevator or stairs and are directed to enter the rear of the Sanctuary from Lewis Foyer, through the doors on the far right and left. Volunteers are position at the doors. Directional signs posted on the floor will aid traffic flow to ensure social distance is maintained.
- Attendees/Guests are directed to their seats per quadrant by assigned volunteers. Volunteers will ensure those present are wearing their masks properly and at all times. Congregants will sit based on time of arrival to aid smooth exit from the Parking Lot at the end of the service (first in last out). The volunteers will permit someone to get up from their seat in the Sanctuary during worship only for use of the Restrooms in Founders' Hall.
- Prior to the start of all Services all protocols (Wear, Wait, Wash, Bathroom use, Dismissal) will be announced and displayed from the platform by the Senior Pastor or his designee.
- At the end of the Service dismissal protocols will be repeated
- At the end of the Service, hosts supervise the orderly exit of persons from the Sanctuary via Manchand Foyer to the southeastern exit to E227th St/ Paulding Ave.
- Attendees/Guests will sanitize hands prior to exiting building.

PARKING

- Parking will be supervised by the Parking Hosts
- The parking lot will accommodate only enough cars (# to be determined) to allow easy exit from the lot at the end of the Service.
 - Once the lot is full, all attendees/guests will be required to park on the street
 - Hosts will be asked to street park
- Parking hosts will assist by giving congregants directions on where to park in the Parking Lot
- Limited parking under the building since the area will be used for screening.
- Attendees/Guests will queue along 227th to allow for social distancing prior to retrieving car from Parking Lot
- Hosts will monitor congregants to ensure social distancing and mask wearing.

- There will be NO HANDSHAKE, NO HUGGING or STANDING IN GROUPS while waiting to get parked vehicle.

FOUNDERS HALL

- Hosts will be positioned outside at the restrooms to ensure that occupancy guidelines are followed.
- The Production/ Audio Visual/ Data Management Team will also be stationed in this area for onsite management and support during the Worship Services. (David to provide personnel count) TBD

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- There will be NO HANDSHAKE, NO HUGGING, NO STANDING IN GROUPS, before, during or after the Service.
- All unregistered attendees (not guests) will be asked to return home and sign up for another Sunday service.
- Once guests' capacity has been achieved, all others will be asked to return home. Instructions will be provided on how to sign-up for future events and how to watch the service online.
- During Phase One, only adults and children 12 years old and over are allowed in the Sanctuary. If parents arrive with children under 12, they will be asked to return home and provided with instructions on viewing online and the re-opening plans.
- If it rains, all queues will be formed in the parking area under the building, hence no cars will be allowed under building.
- Hosts will be assigned to sanitize podium and podium microphones (between activities or after)
- Front bench to the right reserved for preacher and pastors
- Front bench to the left reserved for P&W leaders
- Musicians sit/stay in position during the Service.
- Hosts who are not monitoring congregants will sit in Founders Hall and Lewis Foyer during Service
- Three attendees will sit in each pew, except persons who live in the same household; In such cases pews may hold six to eight.

APPLICATION REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

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- All attendees will be required to complete the BBCN COVID-19 Health Screen Form. Four of the questions require a “yes” or “no” answer.
- If any of the answers to questions one thru four is “yes,” you will receive this message, “*you are not eligible to attend because you answered “yes” to the previous question, check box if you would like to have someone call you.*”
- On the contrary, if the answers are all “no”, please proceed to question five which is the BBCN COVID-19 Waiver/Consent Form that requires a check mark (a link to the full waiver is provided) and reads “*Please check below if you agree*”. If this box is not checked, you will not be able to complete the registration process.
- The final (sixth) question applies if you are registering “other persons in your household i.e. living in the same house.”
- Once you are finished answering all questions, you will be prompted to “*SUBMIT*” your application.
- You will receive a follow up email confirming your registration once internal verification is complete.

REGISTRATION SCREEN I

1. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days? *

No



2. Do you have COVID-19 symptoms? *

No



3. To the best of your knowledge, in the past 14 days have you been in close contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 or who has had symptoms of COVID-19? *

No



4. Have you traveled internationally in the past 14 days? *

No



☐ 6. Please check below if you agree *

agree that the Church shall be held harmless, to the maximum extent allowed by law. Consequently, the undersigned knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive their rights to bring any and all legal causes of action or claims against the Church based upon events arising from the attendee being infected with COVID-19 as a result of attendance at Services.

☐ 5. Please check if you will be registering other people in your Household

Each member of the household will have to complete this form. If you would like to submit this form for another member of your household then hit Submit and you will be prompted to Submit another response. If you have no other member then just press Submit and you are done. Thanks for Submitting this form and we look forward to seeing you at church!

REGISTRATION SCREEN II

BBCN Health Screen Registration Form

Message about Form

Your name *

Email address *

1. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days? *



2. Do you have COVID-19 symptoms? *



☐ You are not eligible to attend church because you have answered "YES" to the previous question, check if you would like to have someone call you.

Submit

COVID-19 WAIVER/CONSENT FORM

BRONX BETHANY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

COVID-19 WAIVER/INFORMED CONSENT

It is known that COVID-19 is highly infectious and variant forms of virus have already begun to emerge in our area. It is also known that being infected with COVID-19 may be uneventful, with the infected individual being asymptomatic, whereas in other cases, unfortunately, the infection may be quite debilitating, and even cause death. The protocols established to create conditions where the risk of being infected with COVID-19 are greatly reduced do not guarantee that infection will not occur. Church attendees need to understand that there is an assumption of risk of COVID-19 infection not only for the attendee but also a significant risk of transmission for those with whom the attendee might later come into contact, at home and/or in the community. Symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals can spread the virus. Masking, social distancing, proper hand hygiene and other mitigating measures reduce, but do not eliminate risk. The Church will not be responsible for the consequences of infections that occur as a result of the attendee's participation in the Service in which he/she voluntarily chooses to participate. Thus, he or she will be voluntarily seeking to participate and thereby assuming the risks attendant to such participation.

The undersigned agree that the Church shall be held harmless, to the maximum extent allowed by law. Consequently, the undersigned knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive their rights to bring any and all legal causes of action or claims against the Church based upon events arising from the attendee being infected with COVID-19 as a result of attendance at Services.

Electronic signatures may be used to execute this document and shall have the same force and effect as original signatures.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

COVID-19 CLEANING PROTOCOLS

**CHECKLIST & GUIDANCE for CLEANING of CHURCHES
during the COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

[Based upon recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention]

- Always wear a mask and disposable gloves while cleaning and disinfecting. If possible, also wear a disposable gown or an apron or smock that can be put aside for prompt laundering. Wear these also when disposing of trash or placing trash out for collection.
- For pews and other wooden surfaces in your church, use a solution of Murphy's Oil Soap or Mr. Clean. Bleach-based products and cleaning wipes should **NOT** be used on finished wood, as these will damage the finish. Allow surfaces to air dry.
- If desired, after thoroughly air dried, pews and other wood may be sprayed and polished with a spray wax such as Pledge. This will protect the wood and also lessen the possibility of virus spread. Polished wood is more difficult for the virus to cling to.
- Doorknobs, light switches, handles, microphones, countertops, desks, phones, keyboards should routinely be cleaned using packaged wipes such as Clorox or Lysol Wipes. If wipes are not available, a solution of water and bleach or a solution of a product like Mr. Clean, Spic and Span or Pine Sol may be used. Institutional cleaning products may be purchased but are not necessary. Do your cleaning with a cloth, not a sponge.
- To make a bleach solution, mix 1/3 cup of bleach (5 tablespoons) with a gallon of water OR 4 teaspoons of bleach with a quart of water.
- Restrooms should be thoroughly cleaned, per usual practices, with wipes, a bleach solution or a solution of one of the detergents mentioned above. Replenish hand soaps, paper products, as needed. Liquid soaps are best – bar soaps are not recommended.
- Be certain hand sanitizer is available in key locations in the church worship areas. Replenish as needed.
- Folding chairs, tables and other furnishings in a Parish Hall or other meeting area should be wiped down with one of the above products after each use of the space. Allow furnishings to air dry with good ventilation.
- If your church has outdoor benches or playground equipment in current use, it is **NOT** necessary to disinfect this equipment. You will be wasting products needed for indoors. Simply wipe these surfaces with a detergent solution and allow to air dry. COVID-19 does not easily spread outdoors, so disinfecting there is not necessary.
- When cleaning is complete, dispose of gloves and wash your hands thoroughly! Promptly launder your apron or smock and any cleaning cloths.

COVID-19 TESTING SITES

COVID-19 TESTING IN THE TRI-STATE AREA

New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut have made testing available for people who are sick or at risk of having contracted the novel [coronavirus](#), sites that accept asymptomatic patients and sites for antibody testing.

It's especially important to get tested if:

You are experiencing symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, muscle pain, shivering, headache, or new loss of taste or smell)

You have been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19

You are an essential worker (health care worker, first responder, food service worker, or transit worker)

You were recently in a large crowd where social distancing was hard to maintain

You recently travelled to an area or a state with high COVID-19 infection rates

MORE: [Here's what each COVID zone in New York means:](#)

Here are testing sites you can find in the tri-state area:

NEW YORK

New York State continues to increase testing capacity for COVID-19 on a daily basis. The guidance below enables New York State to prioritize resources to meet the public health need.

Please call the testing site or your health care provider before you go for testing.

If you go to a test site run by New York State, there is never any charge for your test.

If you go to a test site operated by local governments, private companies including pharmacies and medical practices or not-for-profit organizations, you are advised to check with the testing site and your insurer in advance of being tested to confirm you will not be responsible for any fees associated with your test.

[Check here to find a New York testing center near you.](#)

NEW YORK CITY

Testing for COVID-19 is available throughout the five boroughs. [Check this city website regularly for current locations.](#)

Community testing sites operated by NYC Health + Hospitals offer free and convenient testing on a walk-in basis, with no appointment necessary.

CityMD offers to test at all of its New York City sites on a walk-in basis, seven days per week. [Visit CityMD for locations and hours throughout the five boroughs.](#)

In addition, testing for essential workers and vulnerable populations is available through a partnership with One Medical, a national digital health and primary care provider. Testing is free, but an appointment is required. Register online or by phone.

More information:

citymd.com

[NYC Health + Hospitals website](#)

Additionally, antibody tests are available for New Yorkers, free of charge. Please [click here to learn more](#).

NEW JERSEY

Testing centers have opened around the state including free pop-up locations. You will find more information about [COVID-19 testing in New Jersey here](#).

CONNECTICUT

The state has set-up a website with more information about [coronavirus testing in Connecticut](#).

Testing is available in many locations throughout Connecticut. Anyone experiencing symptoms should contact their primary care provider. Anyone who does not have a primary care provider should call 2-1-1 or visit the [CT Testing Locator](#) to locate the nearest testing site. Tests are available free of charge.

If you are displaying symptoms consistent with those of COVID-19, and are unable to get into contact with your primary care physician, please reach out to one of the following hotlines:

Hartford Healthcare Hotline: (860) 972-8100

Yale New Haven Health: (833) 484-1200

Bristol Hospital Coronavirus Info Line: (860) 261-6855

Stamford Health: (203) 276-4111

RE-OPENING SIGNS



Know your Ws!



STAKEHOLDERS

- Latino Ministry
- Health & Wellness Ministry
- Parking Ministry
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Praise & Worship
-