

## **Church Re-Opening Speech post-covid**

With immense gratitude to the God of Celestial for sparing our lives till this date, I send my greetings to all members of The Rehoboth Family, across the world.

The grace and strength of Jehovah will continually sustain us all in the mighty Name of Jesus.

I will talk you through some of the new protocols we will need to follow, when we shall be back to church for a full worship.

The following changes have been made to the church building in order to create a safe and covid-free place of worship. Kindly bear with us and follow the procedures in place when you next visit the church for worship.

1. When you get to the church entrance downstairs, you will be asked to submit your name and your temperature will be checked. You may be sent back home if your temperature is not between 33 and 37 degrees.
2. When using the stairs, kindly give way to people coming downstairs.
3. You will be asked to properly wash your hands in the toilets when reaching the top of the stairs.

4. You will be provided with a free face which is mandatory that you wear at all times. Also a pair of gloves will be given to you, should you need them. All officiating ministers will be provided with a shield to protect your face and reduce the spread of the virus.
5. After changing into your sutana in the appropriate changing rooms (always make sure there are not more than 2 people in the changing rooms at any given time), please make your way into the main sanctuary and sanitise your hands before going in.
6. Inside the main sanctuary there will be a very limited number of chairs and you will be given a seat to occupy for the entirety of the service. Please ensure you do not move around during the service and kindly limit the talking.
7. The doors of the main sanctuary will be kept open at all times for ventilation reasons. The back doors of the sanctuary will be used as the entrance, whilst the side doors will be used for exit only. Please follow the marks on the floor to be clear on your positioning around the building.
8. Kindly ask the ushers to help you with bibles, envelopes and trays should need any.
9. Please note that, according to the guidelines given by the UK Government, all receptions and food sharing is not currently allowed, hence the kitchen will be temporarily closed, until further notice.

10. The Sunday School will also be closed for the time being as it the space available for children and teachers will be too small. Children of age 10 or above will be directed to the function hall with adults looking after them. A screen has been provided in the function hall for the overflow crowd to comfortably follow the service, maintaining social distance.
11. The Mercy Land will be open only after the church service, and social distancing applies in there too. Only 6 people can enter the Mercy Land at one given time.
12. All surfaces have been cleaned and wiped-down, and after every service all surfaces will be cleaned again to be ready for the following service.
13. Above all, remember to always keep your mask on your face, avoid touching your face, sanitise your hands and maintain distance from others if you need to talk to them. All this instructions are for your individual safety and the safety of others.
14. Unfortunately, the elderly ones above the age of 70 and the children under 10 will not be able to attend church for now. If you have underlining health conditions or you are vulnerable, please stay at home. If you have Coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who has been tested positive, please stay at home. We miss you

all and cannot wait to see you when we are back to normality.

Please do not be offended when you are given instructions by the church Ushers, as they fully care for your wellbeing and safety of all.

With total confidence in the Name of the Lord that I say that THIS SHALL SURELY PASS. So keep safe, continue praying and stay healthy. We love and miss you all.

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