HILLSBORO NAZARENE CHURCH REOPENING PLAN

PHASE ONE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many are asking when our church will be able to re-open and when worship gatherings will resume as normal. Over the last several weeks, our staff and board have been working on a plan to answer those questions. As I explained during our online worship services, HNC will be reopening in phases, just like the state of Oregon. When Washington County enters a new phase, so will we.

On May 15th, the governor released guidelines for all counties that have not yet entered phase one of her reopening plan. According to these guidelines, faith-based groups were permitted to meet in groups of 25, if the group was able to maintain 6’ of separation between individuals at all times. HNC was not able to reopen according to these terms, since we have a church roll of about 200 people; 6-8 services a week is something we are unable to do. We further decided to hold off on all other activities (kids, youth, Sunday school, etc.) because we would face a similar problem. Therefore, we decided to abide by the state’s guidelines and prepare for reopening as much as possible while we await further developments.

On May 22nd, Washington County applied for phase one status with the state. We were hoping phase one of the governor’s plan would permit us to meet in groups of 50, however, the governor determined that group size limits would remain at 25. Therefore, Washington County entering phase one will not allow HNC to reopen yet. We are hopeful that, in phase two, group sizes will be increased to 50 or even 100. If so, we will be able to reopen HNC in some capacity, though multiple weekly worship services will probably be needed to make that happen.

Below this letter, you will find our current guidelines. When Washington County is getting ready to enter phase two, I will send out another letter with our updated guidelines for that phase. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to reach out.

As always, God loves you, we love you, and there’s nothing you can do about it!

Your Friendly Neighborhood Pastor,

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REOPENING GUIDELINES: PHASE ONE

* The church facility is closed to the public during this phase. Reopening may be possible in some capacity under phase two, however, a start date for phase two is currently uncertain.
* HNC staff members are working remotely from their homes.
* Group gatherings are limited to 25 people statewide. HNC Kids, Nazboro Youth, Spanish services, Sunday school classes, etc. are not permitted to meet physically, but encouraged to find digital means of connecting to one another. Team meetings may occur if held offsite and 6’ social distancing protocols are followed. Face coverings encouraged. Onsite meetings only with permission from Pastor Ryan.
* All worship services will be available on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/hillsboronaz/](http://www.facebook.com/hillsboronaz/).
* Tithes may be sent online at [www.hillsboronazarene.org](http://www.hillsboronazarene.org) or in the mail. Our address: 1390 NE 21st Ave. Hillsboro, OR 97124.
* Our facility is being prepared for reopening through disinfection, purchase of necessary supplies, planning for social distancing, prayer and creating phase two protocols.