

**KYAG COVID-19 Weekly Update**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**  
**By the Superintendent of the**  
**Kentucky Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God**

**News, Reminders, and Updates:**

- Our KYAG Churches, General Council affiliated and District Council affiliated churches are on the initial Be Prepared & Re-open plan of MAY 20. While recent Federal Judge rulings did bring Gov. Beshear to reassess his Places of Worship reopen date, and we understand therein are a small number of churches who have chosen to re-open their services prior to May 20, our official KYAG pre-approved, and pre-published –May 20- plan remains intact. I have sought further counsel on this matter and that, coupled with my personal convictions remind me, ...it is important to navigate the healthy tension between what churches CAN do and what churches SHOULD do.
- Please Review Again the detailed letter from last Wednesday, May 6th, posted on our [www.kyag.org](http://www.kyag.org) website for more detailed and pertinent specifics.
- A written pre-open plan must be communicated to attendees
  - o District Affiliated church pastors are to send their written plan to their Presbyter for discussion prior to reopening.
  - o Various samples from other pastors of their written communication plans are posted on our Kentucky A.G. Ministers and Leaders Facebook group.
- KYAG District Affiliated churches are to remain with the May 20 initiative with the requested 33% social-distancing guidelines of sanctuary seating capacity. / <http://ky.gov/> guidelines for houses of worship have included:
  - o 6' intervals between attendees
  - o As mentioned, no childcare or children's ministries services provided at this time.
  - o do not provide communal food or beverages
  - o avoid physical touch
  - o masks
  - o increased sanitization
  - o hand sanitizer available
  - o avoid live choir or singing
  - o consider taking temps or asking about symptoms as needed
  - o those with high temperatures, or signs of illness are to stay at home
  - o As was discussed in our last weekly Zoom meeting, continue giving altar calls and response opportunities as we minister the gospel message. In so, consider:
    - o 6-ft distances marked at your altars
    - o no physical touch (at this time)
    - o masks, gloves, as necessary
    - o bibles, discipleship, resource materials easily available without needing to have someone pass or hand it physically
    - o for both in-person services and online ministry:

- Encourage the “Text ‘JOURNEY’ to 74574”
- Encourage “[journeyonline.org](http://journeyonline.org)”
- If a KYAG General Council affiliated church chooses to not follow the May 20 guideline previously posted and opens earlier for any reason, recognize your liabilities, and please do follow all CDC re-open guidelines for safety of all.

**Other key dates:**

- o Funeral and Memorial Services, along with Retail are to re-open in KY on May 20.
- o Restaurants are to open at 33% capacity + outdoor seating, on May 22.
- o Cosmetology, Hair & Nail Salons, Fitness Centers,... are to open on May 25.
- o Groups of 50 people are to be opened on July 1.
- I have discussed on numerous occasions the possibilities of our KYAG Summer Camps with DYD Rodney Goodlett. We are closely monitoring the CDC guidelines and <http://KY.gov/> health experts guidelines and remain in regular communication with our national office accordingly. As soon as definitive decisions are made regarding summer camp programs we will communicate with our fellowship.
- May, June, and July Network Departmental public events have been cancelled (for the most part). Communicate with your network department leader for clarifications and confirmations as needed.
- We understand that Kentuckians should be prepared for state and local public health guidelines to be extended, amended, or changed as needed to protect public health.
- And, if you haven’t watched Gen Supt Doug Clay’s brief video he posted about expecting revival – watch it. We remain deeply appreciative of our national leadership.

Respectfully,  
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 Superintendent / Network Pastor  
 Kentucky Assemblies of God