

## Interim Guidance & Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided an interim guidance for organizations and places of public gatherings to protect against the coronavirus (COVID-19). Every day we're learning more about this new virus that causes respiratory illness. At this point the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

Christ Church has taken precautionary steps to provide a healthy and safe environment for our members, frequent visitors, guests, and our staff. As the CDC updates their interim guidance we will follow suit. To date, our Interim Guidance includes the following precautions:

### **1. Perform Routine Environmental Cleaning:**

- Increase the frequency of our routine cleaning of all touched surfaces including handrails, doorknobs, light switches, restroom fixtures, countertops, etc. with the typical germ-killing cleaners. Use all cleaning products according to the directions on the label.
- Provide hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol or disposable wipes throughout all entrances, exits, children's classrooms, Welcome Center desk, Security desk, water fountains, and other high traffic areas.
- Increase outside airflow to sanctuary, classrooms, lobby areas, and meeting spaces in order to improve fresh airflow throughout our facilities.

### **2. Reinforce Safe and Healthy Personal Practices:**

- For the health and well-being of the Christ Church community, staff and/or members of congregation that have flu-like symptoms, you should please stay at home and view the online service via our YouTube Channel.
- As a friendly community we're reminding everyone to use good hygiene practices. Hand washing must include soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use of a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Everyone is reminded to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or cough/sneeze into your elbow or shoulder if no tissue is available).
- Be sensitive to how others prefer to be greeted during this time. Some may prefer to simply touch elbows with yours rather than offer the customary handshake, kiss on the cheek, or hug.

### **3. Establish Communication Strategy:**

- This Interim Guidance document has been placed on the church's website and communicated to our entire staff, leadership, volunteer base, and congregation during a weekend service.
- We will closely monitor all changes in the World Health Organization (WHO) regarding coronavirus (COVID-19), review the United States CDC's guidance periodically, and adhere to all government health agencies' guidelines to identify any additional strategies we can use to safeguard all members of our church community.