

## EBC Response to the Corona Virus

Dear Emmanuel Church Family & Guests,

As a result of the current health crisis affecting our country regarding the spread of COVID-19, we feel that it is important to provide an update to our church family and guests

If you or any of your family members are sick or exhibit signs of illness or fever, then we highly recommend that you stay home for the sake of you, your family, and our church body. Due to the heightened awareness of this illness and its spread, some people may be uncomfortable gathering in large groups and we certainly respect that decision. As your pastors and staff, please let us know how we can be of service to each of you.

Presently, these are the measures we have in place and measures we are suggesting for the coming days:

- Wall-mounted hand sanitizers are scattered throughout the church and are easily visible in main traffic areas.
- Please remember to wash your hands.
- Our congregation is a very loving and friendly group of people, but for the time being let's be cautious of physical interaction, handshakes, etc.
- **Recommendations from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control):**
  - Avoid gatherings of 250 people or more, especially if there is evidence of transmission in your county or adjacent counties. If you do attend, remember to practice proper hygiene and physical distancing.
  - **To prevent illness in those most vulnerable, anyone 65 or older OR with a chronic medical condition should avoid any gathering of 250 people or more.**
    - **For our EBC members and guests 65 and older, please exercise extreme caution during this time.**
  - Avoid unnecessary (non-urgent) air, bus, or train travel.
  - Limit visitation to older relatives or friends (especially in nursing or care homes).
  - Prepare for the possibility that schools or day care centers may temporarily close.
- Any services will be broadcast as usual on the local TV station on Sunday evenings at 7:00. (This is a delayed broadcast from the week before.)
  - However, we are hoping to "live stream" future services on Sunday mornings or Bible study groups on Facebook and possibly our website in the very near future.
  - You can presently go to our church's website to view previous worship services at [www.emmanuelbapt.org/worship](http://www.emmanuelbapt.org/worship).

In Christ's Love, The Pastors of Emmanuel Baptist Church

**SPECIAL NOTE: We are carefully monitoring this situation and are prepared to present additional information as quickly as possibly regarding any closures or suspensions of services for a period of time. Please continue checking back.**