

Update 3/18/2020

Dear Chapel Family and Friends

As you are aware, the government and community response to managing COVID-19 has continued to escalate with further restrictions and extensions of existing delays in schools, services, and other organizations. The Governor's office has placed a restriction on all gatherings over 25 people through April 7th.

Therefore, Chapel leadership will extend the closure of the facility and all onsite programs throughout this period. We will continue to monitor and communicate any changes or updates during this difficult season.

CHAPEL'S ONLINE EXPERIENCES

We hope you were able to join your Chapel community for the YouTube video sermon and worship last Sunday. If you missed the service, you can still watch them at the links below. We invite you to join Pastor Derek and Chapel Team each Sunday at 9:30 am for a time of worship and teaching while the facility remains closed.

In addition, we are adding Students and Kids YouTube content starting this week. Students are holding daily Ignite Livestream YouTube sessions, and Kids are adding 'Kids Grow Online' YouTube Bible lessons. The goal is to help you and any family engage in community, worship as a family, and grow closer to Christ during this period of time. Please check them out.

You can access the sermons online at www.chapelcares.com and our [YouTube](#) page.

In Philippians 4:6, we are reminded that we should "*not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*"

CDC GUIDELINES

Please continue to be mindful of the guidance from the [CDC](#) (Centers for Disease Control), including:

- Stay home when you are sick.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If you are older, have an underlying health condition, a weakened immune system or pregnant, we ask that you stay home
- We have attached the CDC guidance document to this message.

MORE HELPFUL INFO AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BELOW

What is the current situation regarding COVID-19 locally and nationally (as of 3/13/20)?

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has indicated the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 is high, both globally and within the United States.
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health are closely monitoring and investigating any reports of illness potentially associated with novel coronavirus in the Commonwealth.
- Chapel is monitoring local School District activities and decisions as inputs into Church planning.

SAFETY AT CHAPEL

What is Chapel doing to reduce risk?

- The cleaning agents Chapel normally uses are effective against Coronavirus.
- Regular cleaning normally includes all bathrooms, including fixtures, drinking fountains, common areas, and classrooms. Chapel has initiated additional enhanced cleaning procedures that include disinfecting additional “high touch” surfaces such as tables, door handles, push-bars, light switches etc.

REDUCE YOUR RISK

What should families do to reduce risk?

All Chapel families are encouraged to continue the practice of maintaining healthy behaviors necessary during any cold and flu season. These include but are not limited to:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand cleaner if soap and water are not available.
- Cover nose and mouth with a sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth to prevent the spread of germs.

Please also see the attached [President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#).

PRAYER

How can you be praying?

- We should pray for those individuals and families who either are or will be affected by this virus and for their healing.
- We should pray for the doctors and medical professionals who are on the front lines caring for those who contract Coronavirus.
- We should pray for medical researchers who are diligently working to create a vaccine for this virus.
- We should pray for our leaders in office, including the president, vice president, governors, and local officials as they guide us through this moment.
- We should pray for the church to respond with care, wisdom, and love.
- We should pray for the continued advance of the Gospel even as this trying moment continues to unfold.

We appreciate your prayers during this challenging time. We know God is in control and wants us to lean in to Him, and this is a time that the church can live out our faith before a world that needs to see hope!

May God richly bless you!

Pastor Derek Duncan and Chapel Leadership