

# DAVIS KOREAN CHURCH

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## DEAR BELOVED DKC FAMILIES,

The health and safety of our members and staff are top priorities to the pastoral staff and executive committee (EC) of Davis Korean Church. Coronavirus has been on the news for a couple of weeks and is now spreading in certain communities in the United States as well as other areas around the world. Our congregation is blessed with multiple members in the medical fields, and EC is engaged in conversation with these members for wise counsel while closely watching public statements made by CDC, local governments and organizations.

While the risk posed by spread of Coronavirus should not be overlooked, the risk of getting Coronavirus in the U.S. is currently low. For instance, at the moment, influenza (flu) poses a greater threat to our health than the Coronavirus. In either case, we can all participate in the following ways to help prevent the spread of the virus and protect ourselves and our loved ones:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 30 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Church staff will try to stock and place hand sanitizers throughout the church facilities at visible locations for your convenience. Also, EC held a meeting to discuss how to respond to the current situation on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. For the moment, EC has decided not to cancel or alter any church ministry events planned for March or April. However, we are keeping a close watch of the situation and may take appropriate measures of cancelling and/or postponing ministry events on short notice, if such actions are deemed necessary and beneficial to the health and welfare of our congregation.

Also, we suggest that the following standards are followed by our congregation voluntarily out of care and consideration for our brothers and sisters as well as our neighbors in the community:

- Greeting: Let us greet each other with a loving smile but refrain from shaking hands. Instead, get creative! There are many viral videos of people greeting creatively, including foot shaking and elbow bumps.
- Voluntary self-isolation: if you have traveled abroad recently or feel sick, please voluntarily stay at home for 2 weeks (14 days) and refrain from attending and participating in various church activities.
- Youtube Sunday Service live streaming: for those who are staying home, we are going to launch live streaming of our Sunday worship services on Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> so that you can still worship with us at home.

There are those who discount the power and necessity of prayer. However, we know and trust in God's providence. While those in government and organizational leadership have to be responsible in their response to the current situation, we know full well that only God and God alone has been in full control of all affairs. God's sovereignty and providence is our reason comfort during these hard times, and we put our full confidence in God. So let us pray diligently and live intentionally. We are called to be set apart from the world, so let's not solely focus on self-preservation but how we can reach out and be there for our neighbors during these difficult times.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

– 2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

God bless and keep us all always.

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