

## COVID-19 Discussion

### 3/10/2020 Blog Message:

As your church, we care deeply for you and the families of our community. With the current, yet evolving situation surrounding COVID-19 and our Avon Community, we felt it was very appropriate to share the steps we are taking at Kingsway Christian Church and provide you with the resources to stay informed with the facts of this health concern.

#### **Cleaning and Sanitization Protocols**

We have enhanced our current cleaning processes using both our professional cleaning company and a team of staff and volunteers. Using the precautions and protocols suggested by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), here is a summary of the intentional steps we are taking at Kingsway:

- Disinfecting all doorknobs, handles, trash cans, handrails, counters, and other non-porous surfaces with approved disinfectant products.
- Placing hand sanitizers at high people-traffic areas such as Kids and Students Check-in, the Connect Hub, and the Café pending product availability.
- Encouraging volunteers and the congregation to wave instead of handshake when greeting others.
- Utilizing CDC signage throughout the building to communicate ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

#### **Individual Precautionary Steps**

We are probably all familiar with the recommended steps to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading the flu and other respiratory diseases. COVID-19 falls into this same category, with the following suggestions that we are encouraging people to follow:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds,
- Avoid touching the face, specifically eyes, mouth, and nose,
- Stay home if sick and avoid close contact with others who might be sick.

You can read more about the [CDC's recommendations and additional precautions here.](#)

#### **Reducing Risk at Kingsway**

With the information we currently have, Kingsway Christian Church intends to maintain our regular programming. We do recognize this is an ever-evolving health situation, so please check back often for updates on our programming. However, if you identify with any of the situations below, we ask you to please avoid any church activity:

- You are currently experiencing flu-like symptoms, such as a fever, coughing, or shortness of breath.
- You have been in close contact with someone who is displaying flu-like symptoms such as an immediate family member.
- You have traveled to or from an area with confirmed cases and/or suspect you might have been exposed to COVID-19 within the past 14 days.

- You have traveled to or from a country flagged by the CDC as a level 2 or 3 Travel Health Notice in the past 14 days.

### **Equipping you**

The health situation in Avon and Hendricks County continues to evolve and as such, it will be vital to stay calm and access the facts from credible sources. You can [visit the CDC site for the latest information](#) on the virus, treatment plans, and travel updates or you can [visit the Indiana Department of Health website](#).

Additionally, we will update information specific to Kingsway Christian Church through our blog and other communication channels as appropriate.

### **Praying through it**

Our God is bigger than any fear and any virus. 2 Timothy 1:7 states “For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” Let’s continue to trust Him in all things and believe He will use each situation as an opportunity to grow closer to Him.

Join us in praying specifically in these ways over the coming days and weeks:

- Pray for those working diligently and selflessly in the healthcare and pharmaceutical worlds, as they work to treat current patients and help prevent the spread of this virus.
- Pray for healing of those infected and affected by COVID-19 along with their families, as this can be a very scary and stressful time.
- Pray that our leaders throughout the community and across the globe will be given wisdom and make decisions in the best interest of those they are leading.
- Pray that God will be glorified throughout this entire situation and that the people of God can be sources of encouragement and hope to those in the community.

Remember to check back often as we will post updates using our blog!

We love God, we love each other, and we love the world.