

Home Avenue First Church of God

COVID-19 Preparedness (Revised 3/18/21)

If anyone in the congregation **tests positive for COVID-19**, who had been on the church premises in the last 14 days, the following steps shall be taken:

1. We encourage the individual to self-report a positive test for COVID-19 to Pastor Todd Wallen (cell number 513-470-1246)
2. Diagnoses of any kind is personal and will only be released by the individual
3. Communication will be sent to the church congregation via text or phone call with notification that a person has been diagnosed with COVID-19
4. If the church has been exposed, we will seek to follow Ohio and CDC guidelines. The board will consult and determine next steps utilizing known information on a case-by-case situation
5. Request the individual not to return to the church until they have met CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation
6. The church will be cleaned and sanitized

If anyone in the congregation has been **exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19**, the following steps shall be taken:

1. We encourage the individual to self-report to Pastor Todd Wallen (cell number 513-470-1246) if you have been in close contact to someone who tests positive for COVID-19, have not received a negative COVID-19 test result, and have been on church premises in the last 14 days
2. Close contact includes:
 - a. Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19
 - b. Caring for a sick person with COVID-19
 - c. Being within 6 feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for 10 minutes, or
 - d. Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19
3. Diagnoses of any kind is personal and will only be released by the individual
4. Communication will be sent to the church congregation via text or phone call with notification that a person has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19
5. Request the individual not to return to the church until they have met CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation
6. The church will be cleaned and sanitized

If anyone in the congregation becomes sick **while on the church premises**, the following steps shall be taken:

1. An area in the church will be identified to separate anyone who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19
2. Ensure children are not left without adult supervision
3. Arrange to safely transport the individual to their home or a healthcare facility
4. Advise the congregation that an individual was exhibiting symptoms and suggest those with exposure to self-monitor for symptoms
5. Advise the congregation with symptoms or who have tested positive for COVID-19 not to return to the church until they have met CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation
6. The remainder of the service will be canceled
7. The church will be cleaned and sanitized