

Innisfil Community Church - The Life Center Innisfil Food Bank - The Clothing Depot News Release

Re: Covid-19 Pandemic

For IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 16, 2020

Innisfil Community Church has taken steps to respond to the Covid-19 crisis.

In this time of international crisis, stress, anxiety and fear rage in our communities. In times like these it is even more important for established and existing **support groups** to serve our residents. Therefore, we are implementing procedures to mitigate the potential spread of the virus, while still serving the needs of our community. This is no time for those faced with addiction issues to relapse for lack of support, and so we will adapt our programs to include social distancing and increase sanitization in our support programs.

The Innisfil Food Bank will continue to serve existing clients by means of a drive through system. (New clients will need to register by phone before coming.) This process will prevent social contact while at the same time providing to the significant needs of the most vulnerable amongst us. We will not be initiating any public Food Drives at this time. To initiate a food drive would promote the very things we are trying to prevent in the spread of this virus with a large number of people handling and mixing food supply items. We will be monitoring our food supplies and will identify specific needs going forward.

The Clothing Depot will suspend the distribution portion of its operation with “free shopping nights” being put on hold. An alternative local distribution approach may be developed should this crisis extend over a longer period.

Kids and Youth Programs at the church will be temporarily suspended. Online activities, and suggested activities to be done at home will be directed to participants via email address or posted on our Facebook Groups.

Regular **Sunday Worship** will continue with advanced precautions, as well as being posted on Live Stream. The in-house precautions will be posted upon entry and instructions given by our ushers.

We encourage all to follow the rules of personal hygiene and respect the health of others by taking all the prescribed cautions recommended by our Health Officials.