

Trinity Lutheran Church Health Plan

As the news and concern over the COVID-19 situation continues, we here at TLC are taking prudent steps in order to keep our community healthy. We are currently keeping all programs running, but we are developing a more detailed plan as we move forward. We will be using emails, our website, and Facebook page to keep everyone updated.



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PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS:

For 80% of cases, COVID-19 is a mild illness that does not require hospitalization. We CANNOT eliminate COVID-19, but we can limit its spread by:

- ✚ Washing hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds frequently.
- ✚ Avoid touching your face (eyes, nose, & mouth).
- ✚ Stay home if you are at high risk, are feeling sick, or are caring for someone who's sick. Remember our sermons are posted online each week.
- ✚ Replace handshakes and hugs with a wave and a verbal greeting.
- ✚ Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue, then wash your hands.
- ✚ Self-quarantine if you have traveled to any areas of possible infection (cruises, foreign countries, etc.)
- ✚ Self-monitor any symptoms you may have, seek advice by telephone from a healthcare provider to determine whether medical evaluation is needed.
- ✚ Use the CDC's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> and the MDH's website: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/#coronavirus> to receive accurate information about COVID-19.

OUR PLAN AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH:

STAGE	INDICATOR	ACTION ITEM
1- WARNING	Confirmed cases in MN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- All worship, ministry, and small groups are still active. 2- Extra sanitation and cleaning around the church. 3- Encourage handwashing and use of hand sanitizer. 4- Nursery will be CLOSED until further notice. 5- Busy bags will be removed from Narthex. 6- Communicate with words rather than handshakes including as we "share the peace". 7- Everyone in the kitchen will wear gloves at all time. 8- Encourage those who don't feel well to stay home. 9- Use offering plates on stands instead of passing the plate. 10- Provide online worship for those who choose to stay home.
2- ALERT	Confirmed case within the immediate community (Lindstrom, Chisago, Center City, Taylors Falls etc.)	<p><i>In addition to Stage 1 action items:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- No Sunday morning fellowship hour or serving of food. 2- No Wednesday night meals. 3- Extra cleaning and sanitation before and after worship services. 4- Begin to develop plans with organizations that are connected with Trinity's ministry- Path to Home, Community Meals, Lakes & Pines, U.C.C, etc.
3- CRITICAL	Confirmed case within our church community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- All worship, group meetings, youth and children events will be suspended. 2- No meetings will be held in church facilities. 3- Everyone is asked to participate in online worship. 4- A phone tree, our website, and Facebook page will be used to keep members connected and informed about decisions moving forward.