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**Hope CBC Covid-19 Response** Update: December 13, 2020

## Hope CBC Family and Friends,

Many steps have been taken by our local, state, and federal government to mitigate the spread and severity of COVID-19. The effectiveness of some of these steps is not without controversy and we recognize that much of what is reported is obviously slanted and more politically structured than based upon science. Hope CBC is committed, above all else, to making decisions regarding our gathering together with prayer, biblical wisdom, and discernment in order to glorify God, edify the saints, and to maintain the safety and health of our church family.

Even with many places exercising stringent protocols, COVID-19 continues to do what all viruses do - it spreads. As we have researched as well as consulted with a medical professional, some of the best things that can be done to mitigate the spread of any virus, including COVID-19, is common sense and regular hygiene including washing of hands, use of hand sanitizer, keeping distance from others, coughing/sneezing into a tissue or into the arm, staying home if you feel sick or have symptoms of illness.

## Please do NOT attend Hope CBC if...

- You have been diagnosed, presumed positive, lived with, or cared for someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- You or a member of your household had onset COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days. These include, but are not limited to: dry cough, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell.
- You have had a fever of 100.4°F or higher in the past 2 days
- You believe you are high-risk, or you still do not feel safe to do so.

By entering the Hope Community Bible Church facilities, you assume the risk of contracting COVID-19, and you agree that the church cannot be held responsible if that happens. Please do not enter if you have an elevated temperature, a cough, or any flu-like symptoms.

Your willingness to attend Hope CBC public gatherings is a personal decision based on your convictions and readiness to interact with others. Though we are putting safety precautions in place, you are ultimately responsible for your own health and well-being.

We understand that some may not feel comfortable to participate with in-person worship due to underlying health concerns that may put them in a higher risk group, or that they may want to error on the side of caution in this unusual time we find ourselves.

 Hope CBC will continue to offer our Live Streaming online platform on Sundays at both 9:00 am and 6:00 pm temporary alternatives means of participation in worship for those congregants whom it is not yet advisable/feasible to physically attend in-person services.



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- Hope CBC reminds congregants who are 65 or more years old or have underlying health conditions including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, severe obesity, asthma, or immunocompromising conditions, that they may want to refrain from attending in-person services because they are at higher risk for severe illness if infected by Covid-19.
- Hope CBC will provide hand sanitizing stations at our public entrances and recommend you use them. Also, wash
  your hands as frequently as possible.
- Hope CBC asks all congregants to practice social distancing (apart from family groups) both indoors and outdoors.
- Children are welcome to participate in worship at the discretion of their parents. We do have HopeKidsAM for children ages 4-8 after congregational singing. There is, at this time, no staffed nursery. Parents with babies are welcome to use the nursery as needed and are asked to wipe down whatever areas are used. Parents are responsible to keep their children with them at all times. Be advised that children under ten may pose some risk of transmission of Covid-19.
- Hope CBC encourages greetings and/or conversations to be held outdoors when possible.
- Hope CBC asks the congregants to refrain from any physical contact with each other outside of family groups; no hand shaking, touching, embracing, etc.
- Hope CBC will sanitize all high-touch surfaces in the sanctuary and common areas after and between services.

Soli Deo Gloria The Church Leadership Team