

Dear Fort Bend Community Church Family,

As a response to the latest news about the COVID-19 coronavirus, we want to let you know that we are closely monitoring updates and following the guidance of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), The Texas Department of State Health Services, the Harris County Health Department, the Houston Health Department, and the Fort Bend County Health and Human Services.

If you or any member of your family or household has travelled outside of the United States to any of the countries/territories listed by the CDC as a level 1 to level 3 travel notice, we ask that you self-quarantine for 14 days after you return and not attend church for your safety and the safety of others. To date (3/6/20) these are the countries and territories listed: China, South Korea, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong and Iran. For an updated list of what countries/territories are listed by the CDC, [click this link](#).

FBCC strives to meet the highest standards when the health and safety of our attendees, visitors and employees are at hand. FBCC will exercise these daily sanitation practices and procedures to provide a strong defense against COVID-19 and most other illnesses. These practices include but are not limited to:

- More frequent extensive facility cleaning of restrooms and lobby areas.
- Staff will be required to practice preventative measures such as frequent hand washing and cough hygiene. Pastoral staff will not be shaking hands at this time (please do not be offended, this is for everyone's safety)
- Increase the frequency of disinfecting children's ministry toys using nontoxic sanitizer
- Increase the frequency of disinfecting often-touched areas such as door handles
- Provide hand sanitizer in the lobbies for you and your family to readily use

In addition to the above practices, FBCC will:

- Stop lunch service and snacks from March 8 – March 29.
- Offering will be limited to offering drop box use only. Please also consider tithing online: [click this link](#).

We follow the recommendations of local and federal health authorities in order to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus, the flu, as well as other upper respiratory viruses. Some of the recommendations include these prevention tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60 % alcohol
- Avoid touching the face including the eyes, nose, and mouth
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you are sick, stay home
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then dispose of it
- Get plenty of rest
- Avoid sharing food and eating utensils with others
- Avoid unnecessary travels

FBCC will continue to closely monitor updates and follow the guidance of the health authorities mentioned above. As always, your FBCC team is available to answer any of your questions. We will be sharing updated and important information through our website, newsletter, social media accounts and church dial-in hotline. Please keep checking these sources for updated information regarding FBCC worship and other activities.

Please keep our church, community, city, nation and world in your prayers during this time of uncertainty and concern.

Blessings and Mercy,

Pastor Samuel Kwan on behalf of the FBCC COVID-19 Response Team. (updated as of 3/6/20)