**Springdale Community Church & COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

**Updates and Strategies**

As Springdale Community Church closely monitors the progress of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) throughout our nation and region, we are taking steps to prepare for any potential impact. We are praying for those who may be affected by the virus and for God’s protection over us all. Please partner with us in this prayer, as well as in taking practical measures to mitigate the spread of the virus. SCC wants to be a part of the solution to ending this virus and not contribute to its spread.

**OPERATING STATUS**

**Current Ministry Status: Limited (no physical gatherings)**

* On March 18, 2020, Governor Larry Hogan announced that all public gatherings of 10 or more people are prohibited in the state of Maryland. In following this protocol, we will, unfortunately, not be able to convene at SCC for services/meetings/events/activities until further notice. We will stay connected via our Website, Conference calls, and Social Media Platforms.

**WHAT WE’RE DOING**

* Though currently not in use, we have disinfected the entire Church building. The surfaces within SCC, including our meeting room, classrooms, offices, restrooms, sanctuary, and common areas have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

*In general:*

* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth and others with unwashed hands.
* Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water as often as you can. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds.
* If you are not near a sink, use hand sanitizer. Sanitize all of the skin on your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Refrain from shaking your hands to dry them.
* Engage in respiratory etiquette by coughing and sneezing into the bend of your elbow.
* Sanitize freshly touched surfaces in your home, school or office daily.
* Avoid coming in close contact with those who appear unwell.

*Educate yourself*:

* Learn the additional measures that high risk, vulnerable individuals should take.
* Stay up on current events.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4: 6,7*