

Updated Statement from Pastor to the Church (18/02/2020)

Regarding the Coronavirus Situation

In view of the current Coronavirus situation, please pray for the situation, particularly for those affected. Let us continue to be a source of comfort, encouragement and faith to our family, friends and colleagues.

It is important that all of us take appropriate personal hygiene measures as part of our social responsibilities to help minimise any potential spread of this disease.

As a church, we will also implement the following measures in our corporate settings.

***Queensland Health has updated its recommendations and we are doing so accordingly:**

- If you have left, or transited through mainland China in the last 14 days, you must isolate yourself for 14 days from the date of leaving mainland China.
- If you have been in close contact with a proven case of coronavirus, you must isolate yourself for 14 days from the last date of contact with the confirmed case.

You do not need to isolate yourself if you have only travelled in Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan.

Self-isolation means staying at home and not receiving visitors. This is because the virus incubation period may be up to 14 days.

***Additional measures we recommend:**

1. Practice good personal hygiene such as washing hands with soap/sanitiser, covering the mouth when coughing, or sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow.
2. See a doctor if feeling unwell, recuperate at home and re-join church activities after you have recovered.
3. Be in self-isolation for 14 days if you have been to China in the past 2 weeks.
4. Consider voluntary self-isolation for 2 weeks if you have come back from countries affected by coronavirus.
5. Keep children at home if they are feeling unwell.
6. Practice good food preparation hygiene if you are contributing towards church lunch.

What are some steps we will take as a church?

1. We aim to provide online broadcast of our services for those in self-isolation. We will update the links as soon as we have them.
2. We will make available hand sanitisers in all our services, including Kids For Christ (KFC) ministry.
3. If any child of KFC age is found to be unwell, we may request that they do not attend KFC. We ask for your cooperation and understanding.
4. We will make adjustments in our services to reduce potential points of infection spread.

Please do not be unsettled by news that seek to promote anxiety. Let us continue to look to Jesus for He is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. He is our healer and protector. Do pray that we can offer comfort and hope to those who may be struggling through this situation.

In Christ,

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