**Glenlea Mennonite Church - COVID-19 Information & Action Plan**

Things are changing rapidly with regard to the coronavirus (COVID-19), now with confirmed cases in Manitoba. As a church we are monitoring the situation and will follow whatever guidelines regional, provincial, and federal health authorities set out. For now:

* **Worship services and other get-togethers are still on as scheduled, for now.**  You will be notified of changes to this plan via email, and/or phone call/text.
* **Stay home if you have a fever or chest cough, or if your immune system is already compromised in some way.** If you have flu-like symptoms, see the latest information below on who to call & where to go. Please also let the deacons, council or pastor know if there is anything we can do for you.
* **Wash your hands regularly.** In the church building, you can use the hand sanitizer dispensers located in foyer.
* **Use an alternative greeting to shaking hands.** Give a smiling nod or a friendly wave.
* **As always, look for ways to love your neighbour.** Check in with elderly or at-risk folks in your circles. Share necessary goods with those in need. And yes, if you’ve got flu-like symptoms, avoiding close contact is an act of love!

The Government of Manitoba has a website giving concise information regarding current status and recommendations:  **https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/**

For more detailed updates and resources check out this website maintained by the Government of Canada:  **https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html**

Another good website regarding corona virus with a helpful list of recognizable symptoms and comparisons between corona, colds and flu. [**https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/novel-coronavirus-symptoms-1.5438137**](https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/novel-coronavirus-symptoms-1.5438137)

A special note on **care facilities & hospital visits:** **Please note:** **visitors who have traveled outside of Canada refrain from visiting for 14 days after your return**. As always, **please refrain from visiting if you are sick or unwell, and especially now if you are experiencing respiratory symptoms**.

**If you wonder if you are sick with COVID-19...**

1. Do not go to emergency or urgent care for covid19 testing unless advised to do so.

2. Any person concerned about their exposure to or risk of having COVID-19 should first call Health Links–Info at **204-788-8200** or **1-888-315-9257** (toll-free) to ensure they receive medical advice appropriate to their specific health concerns.

3. Starting March 12, individuals in Winnipeg directed by Health Links–Info to be tested for COVID-19 will be asked to visit a community screening location. The first two community screening locations are already open, at **Access Winnipeg West (at 280 Booth Dr.)** and **Access Fort Garry (135 Plaza Dr.)**. A third location is TBA

4. Screening will be available at these locations from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on weekdays and until 4 p.m. on weekends. Those who require screening after hours will still be directed to urgent care sites and emergency departments. In addition to screening, these centres remain open for regularly scheduled clinic activities.

5. People living outside Winnipeg who are concerned about their exposure to or risk of having COVID-19 should call Health Links–Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257 (toll-free) for further information.

*Let's walk in faith (not fear)*

*And hope (not despair)*

*And love (especially of our most vulnerable)*

Glenlea Church Council