

Joshua Seventh-day Adventist Church COVID-19 Contingency Plan

Church Status as of March 14, 2020: [Stage 1](#)

STAGE 1 – CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN TEXAS

- All worship, ministries, and meetings in our church remain active.
- Extra sanitation and cleaning will be performed throughout our facilities.
- If you are not feeling well, feel free to stay home and watch our services on our livestream options.
- We recommend no handshakes or hugging. Communicate love through words rather than physical contact.
- Wash hands with soap thoroughly for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your face (mouth, nose, eyes) with hands.
- Cover all coughs and sneezes with a tissue and wash your hands thoroughly afterward.

STAGE 2 – CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS

- All worship, ministries, and meetings in our church remain active.
- Extra cleaning and sanitation before and after worship services.
- No food served on church premises.
- All fellowship meals are suspended.
- Tithe and Offerings will be collected at the deacons' desk. Offering plates will not be passed out. Also, Little Lambs Offering will not be collected.
- Bulletins will be available but will not be distributed.

STAGE 3 – CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN OUR CHURCH, SCHOOL (JAMS), OR UPON ADVISEMENT OF LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS, OR DIRECTION OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE AND/OR ADVENTIST RISK MANAGEMENT

- Worship services will only be available over live stream. No in-person worship services will be held in our church.
- All in-person ministry meetings are suspended. Ministry meetings can be conducted virtually through online meetings.

Personal Preparedness – For 80% of cases it is a relatively mild illness that does not require hospitalization. While there is currently no way to eliminate COVID-19, we can slow down its spread and protect our vulnerable population of all age groups by recommending:

- Washing hands frequently with soap and water (20 seconds recommended).
- Not touching your face (mouth, nose, eyes) with your hands.
- Utilize paper towel to grab door handles coming out of the restrooms, and other rooms.
- Staying home if you feel sick until the illness is resolved.
- Covering all coughs and sneezes with a tissue and wash hands thoroughly afterward.
- Staying away from others who are ill whenever possible, and feasible.
- Self-quarantine if you encounter anyone diagnosed with COVID-19.