



Coronavirus Action Plan

The following is a comprehensive plan of action that the Executive Leadership Team of First Baptist Church East End will initiate in response to the continued spread of the coronavirus.

Precautionary lan

- Discontinue meet/greet period during service.
- Encourage members to 'fist-bump' or give 'elbow-love' as the new gesture of love & reception.
- Establish 8-10 'sanitation stations' throughout the church for worshippers to use.
- Encourage all members & visitors who feel ill for any reason to stay home until illness subsides.
- Make limited supply of face masks available ONLY for those who may be sick or have a consistent cough.
- Upgrade cleaning tools & supplies to include commercial sanitizing equipment, & cleaning only with anti-bacterial/anti-virus type solutions.
- Keep handwashing soap amply supplied in all restrooms.
- Urge all members & visitors to thoroughly wash their hands or use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Sanitize church van after each use.
- Sanitize all classrooms, restrooms, the family life center & other meeting spaces regularly.
- Encourage all members who are currently not using our E-giving system to register their addresses & emails, and opt-in to the text messaging service so that they can receive real-time news, information, & announcements concerning the church.
- Encourage all members to join the official First Baptist Church East End Facebook/Instagram page as an additional medium of communication, & for access to live streaming privileges.
- Establish a 'Grab-&Go' system for the Twelve Baskets ministry on 3rd Mondays.
- Go to **1-HOUR worship service** format **BEGINNING 3rd Sunday, MARCH 15th, 2020.**
- Pray

We pray that God heals our land according to **II Chronicles 7:14**; however, due to the fact that we are subject to His sovereign will and timing, the Executive Leadership Team of FBCEE has devised a multi-level response plan to the probable likelihood that this virus will resist our efforts to contain it, as it has already globally demonstrated. This plan will be triggered if one of following three (3) things happen:

1. *Governor Ralph Northam declares a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus.*
2. *Local officials in the Hampton Roads area initiate school closings.*
3. *The CDC raises our local threat level from the **Watch Level** (Practice usual precautions), to either the **Alert Level** (Practice enhanced precautions) or the **Warning Level** (Avoid non-essential travel).*

Level 1 Action Plan

- ALL regular scheduled meetings during the week will be canceled. NO MEETINGS of ANY KIND for ANY REASON will be permitted, with exception given to the Executive Leadership Team at their discretion.
- Ministry leaders are encouraged to utilize freeconferencecall.com and establish a free conference line to meet via phone with ministry volunteers.
- ALL church-wide gatherings and/or extra-curricular church activities will be postponed or canceled.
- Home communion will be discontinued until further notice.
- Visitations will no longer be conducted in person if at all possible, but will rather be conducted via phone call.
- Sunday service will be the only permitted gathering.
- Pray

In the event someone among this body of worshippers become sick with the coronavirus, the Executive Leadership Team in consultation with the Joint Council will advance our church response to the next level.

Level 2 Action Plan *(every prohibition in level 1 applies)*

- Contact CDC and other mandated local personnel for directions & guidance.
- Protect the name of those directly impacted from all sources except the CDC and other related sources.
- Notify all members of the case & advise those who attended the service or functions the infected person attended to observe the 14-day self-quarantine.
- Contact local company for sanitation services for the church.
- No gatherings at the church unless authorized.
- Sunday Service will be canceled; A word from our Executive Minister will be made available by way of live stream.
- The telephone voice recording, church website, official Facebook page, Instagram account, E-Giving mass communication system, emails, & phone calls will be used to communicate to the church body when we are no longer at a level 2 response.
- Pray

We will continue to monitor and stay up to date with Local, State and National mandates/restrictions. We are careful to ensure that our sources are legitimate and trustworthy, i.e. Local & National News, CDC, Governor's Office, etc. Additionally, we are putting our hope in the healing power of God and God's word which states in II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

*****This action plan was originally devised by the Piney Grove Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, VA and adopted with permission by First Baptist Church East End.**