



JOSHUA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

COVID-19 UPDATE

December 3, 2020

Dear Church Family,

We are writing to inform you where things are currently. The COVID numbers in the hospitals in our Trauma Service Area (TSA) remain over 15%. This means that we need to follow the Governor's order GA-32 which went into effect on October 14, 2020. So, what does this mean for us? Many of you are asking or thinking if this applies to churches and the answer is yes and no.

As a church, we can continue worshipping together. We still need to follow social distancing, wear masks, in general, follow safe health practices, and encourage those that are in vulnerable populations to worship from home using online services. We will still have the adult Sabbath School class for those that would like to attend.

So, what about other meetings? All gatherings of more than 10 people, in person, are to cease outside of the church worship services. We will not be having children's Sabbath School classes because there is no ability to social distance in the enclosed spaces of their classrooms. Our monthly church board meeting will take place via Zoom this month. These practices will be in place until the COVID numbers in our TSA fall back below 15% for at least 7 days. Right now, it appears that these practices will be in place until at least the new year.

We pray that those affected by COVID will experience relief and quick healing. As this is being written, one of our members, Louis Rael is in his final hours of life, so we especially elicit your prayers on behalf of the Rael/Tucker family. We also pray that we can make it through this holiday season and find ourselves able to get back to more of what we were.

Remember this Christmas Season that God, in the form of Jesus, came to be with us! With us personally and not specifically at “church” and its various meetings. We pray that you will feel God with you and your families more than ever before. Yes, we miss all of you and the ability to gather the way we did prior to the COVID virus, but we pray for your safety and well-being, so that soon we can gather once again as we did.

Blessings,

Pastor Dennis Austin

Pastor Isaac Heath