

## ANNOUNCEMENT

As you may be aware, there is an elevated risk of illness in our area due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. In view of this, it is possible that some associated with our congregation may have been exposed to COVID-19. The elders are taking necessary precautions to prevent exposure and the spread of the virus.

Please take a moment to review the letter to all congregations dated February 27, 2020, which is posted on the information board. Related reminders are also posted in accessible areas of the Kingdom Hall. In addition, please carefully review the [jw.org](http://jw.org) Newsroom article entitled "Coronavirus Update and Response."

During this time of heightened concern, it would be best to keep our physical greetings simple by avoiding hugs, kisses, and handshakes.

If you are sick or develop cold or flu-like symptoms, tell your healthcare provider immediately and refrain from attending meetings at the Kingdom Hall. While sick, please also refrain from engaging in the door-to-door work, cart witnessing, or other forms of the public ministry.

We appreciate your continued cooperation as we work together to protect those who attend meetings at this Kingdom Hall and the community from further exposure. First Corinthians 10:24 reminds us to "let each one keep seeking, not his own advantage, but that of the other person." Additionally, Proverbs 22:3 explains that "the shrewd one sees the danger and conceals himself." Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

## **HEALTH NOTICE**

First Corinthians 10:24 states: "Let each one keep seeking, not his own advantage, but that of the other person." Therefore, out of consideration for others, we ask that you take advantage of arrangements to access a meeting remotely instead of entering the Kingdom Hall:

- If you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms
- If you have had contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19
- If you have a compromised immune system

For assistance in accessing a meeting remotely, please contact a local elder by telephone.

Thank you.

## **REMINDER**

Please be very careful not to put yourself at risk of exposure to COVID-19. Various health agencies have recommended being especially alert to practice good hygiene, such as:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unclean hands.
- When coughing and sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue away immediately and wash your hands.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has a fever and cough.
- If you have a fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, contact a medical provider and seek care immediately. You should share your travel history with the provider. If there is a risk that you are contagious due to the flu or flu-like symptoms, you should limit your association with others and use the tie-line to attend congregation meetings rather than do so in person.
- Clean and disinfect touched objects and surfaces frequently, both at your home and at the Kingdom Hall.