



## **Reid Temple COVID-19 (coronavirus) Update**

**Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 11:45 p.m.**

*We are praying for every family effected by COVID-19 (coronavirus). Please pray with us as we move forward in taking practical measures to mitigate the spread of the virus. We are here for you.*

*Reid Temple AME Church is closely monitoring the COVID-19 (coronavirus). We are ensuring the safety and health of our members, friends and visitors.*

*Pastor Mark and the Reid Temple Boards have agreed on the following steps:*

# Operations

**Current Operating Status: Limited Operations**

**Friday, March 13, 2020 – Sunday March 22, 2020**

## Reid Temple Business and Administration Office

*All Reid Temple AME Church facilities/campuses will be closed with exception to the Business and Administration office staff. All funerals will continue and any changes and updates will be communicated.*

## Church Programs and Activities

*There are no in-person ministry activities and meetings. We encourage videoconferencing and conference calls for all ministry meetings until further notice.*

## Sunday Worship Service

*We invite you to worship with us online. Effective immediately, we will worship online Sunday March 15th and Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 at 7:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.*

*Please visit [www.reidtemple.org](http://www.reidtemple.org) to watch live online or our [Facebook page](#) for live streaming. Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to restream worship services at your convenience. Please continue to worship through your [giving](#).*

## Reid Temple Christian Academy RTCA

**Closed Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2020**

*Following Governor Hogan's directive, RTCA will close from March 16 through March 27, 2020 using remote learning procedures. RTCA will plan for four weeks, but close for two. Students and parents will receive additional communications directly from the school.*

## Stay Connected

*Reid Temple AME Church continue monitor COVID-19 (coronavirus) and will provide updates and announcements on [www.reidtemple.org](http://www.reidtemple.org)*

*Please send additional questions and comments to [publicrelations@reidtemple.org](mailto:publicrelations@reidtemple.org)*

## What should people do to protect themselves?

*Continue to follow CDC guidelines and stay tuned to local updates through media outlets and online. This information can be found on the [www.reidtemple.org](http://www.reidtemple.org)*

- *Avoid close contact with people who are sick.*
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.*
- *Stay home when you are sick.*
- *If you have flu-like symptoms and a high fever consider going to your physician or urgent care.*
- *Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.*
- *Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.*
- *Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.*
- *If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.*
- *Always wash hands with soap and water if your hands are visibly dirty.*

## **What should people do if they develop symptoms?**

*Let the church know if they develop a cough, high fever, and difficulty breathing. Then, self-quarantine, see a healthcare provider, and advise the church of the results.*

## **Resources**

*Prince George's County Department Health and Human Services  
 Maryland Department of Health  
 Symptoms  
 What You Need to Know  
 Lo Que Necesita Saber Sobre El  
 What Seniors Need to Know  
 Prevention and Treatment  
 Frequently Asked Questions*

## **A message from County Executive Angela Alsobrooks Prince George's County**

We are in contact with State and federal public health partners, receiving consistent and regular updates. Our Emergency Operations Center and Joint Information Center remain activated at an enhanced level to respond to the evolving situation, which allows us to continue taking the appropriate steps to keep Prince Georgians safe and healthy. We ask residents to stay informed with the latest updates by visiting our dedicated coronavirus website: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3397/Coronavirus>

We hope you find the following graphic below helpful.

[See full message here](#)

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

## WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS? (COVID-19)

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is caused by a respiratory virus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. This is a new virus that hasn't caused illness in humans before.

## HAS THIS CORONAVIRUS SPREAD TO THE US?

Yes. There are confirmed cases in the U.S. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is keeping track of how many at this website: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html)

## DOES ANYONE IN MARYLAND HAVE THE VIRUS NOW?

The Maryland Department of Health is keeping a current list of confirmed cases in the state at this webpage: <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx>

## WHAT IS THE RISK TO THE PUBLIC RIGHT NOW?

For the general American public, who are unlikely to be exposed to this virus at this time, the immediate health risk from coronavirus is low. Globally, the CDC says the potential public health threat posed by this coronavirus is high. Strong public health measures now may slow down the impact of the virus in the U.S. later.

## HOW DOES THIS CORONAVIRUS SPREAD?

Current understanding about how the virus spreads is largely based on what is known about similar coronaviruses. COVID-19 is a new disease and there is more to learn about how it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, and to what extent it may spread in the United States.

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person in the following ways:

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF THE VIRUS?



FEVER



SHORTNESS OF BREATH



COUGH

## SHOULD I WEAR A FACE MASK WHEN I GO OUT IN PUBLIC?

The CDC does not recommend people who are well wear a face mask to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. You should only wear a mask if a healthcare professional recommends it. A face mask should be used by people who have COVID-19 and are showing symptoms. This is to protect others from the risk of getting infected.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MYSELF AND OTHERS?

Take everyday preventive steps that are always recommended to slow the spread of respiratory illnesses like colds, flu, and this virus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, your sleeve, or your elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using standard cleaning practices.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home except to get medical care.

## HOW DO I STAY INFORMED?

Continue to monitor the Health Department's coronavirus webpage ([health.mypgc.us/coronavirus](https://health.mypgc.us/coronavirus)) as well as the coronavirus webpages for the Maryland Department of Health ([health.maryland.gov/coronavirus/](https://health.maryland.gov/coronavirus/)) and the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>).

Additional Resources: [www.cdc.gov/nCoV](https://www.cdc.gov/nCoV)  
Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Maryland Department of Health.

