



Cross Pointe Nazarene

Navigating the intersection between Faith & Life

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With the concern regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus), your Church Leadership Team wanted to let you know what measures we already take and what we will be taking to protect our Cross Pointe family. While no active cases have been identified in our area, we feel it is important that everyone entering our facilities feel safe.

1. All common areas are thoroughly cleaned each week. Children's toys and other durable surfaces in classrooms and nurseries have always been disinfected often, but we will be taking extra care of their spaces. We will also be adding extra preventive measures in other areas as needed.
2. Hand Sanitizers are available throughout the facility, including at the Coffee Bar in the foyer area, but should be used as a second resource.
3. Hand Washing has been and will continue to be encouraged. Wash often, especially when in large gatherings. Current suggestions are to wash them continuously for 20 seconds. The CDC also recommends not touching your face when in public gatherings.
4. Out of an abundance of caution, we have temporarily adopted a No Handshaking Policy. The Connection Team (ushers/greeters) were already instructed to not shake hands or hug during this time. And the Worship Team will not encourage handshaking during greeting times. While you may have heard elbow taps have been suggested, we are encouraging a friendly wave and smile instead. This policy may not be for you, but it may be for someone more vulnerable.
5. Starting next Sunday (March 22), ushers will be at the doors as you leave with baskets for your tithes and offerings. If you do not already use tithe envelopes, there are generic envelopes at each pew in which you can place your check or cash, if you prefer, prior to placing them in the baskets. There is also a wooden drop box available in the foyer at the "Sign Up" table. And, of course, online giving is still a viable option.
6. Until further notice, we will not be serving communion.
7. Any food that is offered (including breakfast) will no longer be self-served. We will strive to have servers available where feasible. And as always, washing hands after eating and tossing your trash is strongly encouraged.
8. While we love worshipping together, we understand if you desire to stay home if you feel you are vulnerable to this (and even the flu). By all means, if you've had a fever within the last 24 hours or have other symptoms, we encourage you to stay home until you're symptom free. You can login in to our livestream via Facebook or go to our website to see the services after they are published.

We want to be cautious – not anxious. Philippians 4:6 tells us, *“Do not be **anxious** about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”* So much is not known about this particular virus so it's hard to be sure how to respond at this time. We are choosing not to lead out of fear, but of wisdom and prayerful discernment. We will also be paying close attention to the recommendations from the CDC, State Officials and Local Officials. Any updates, as we receive them, will be communicated in a timely manner through our regular avenues of communication.

While our staff is doing everything we can to make our facility as safe and clean as possible, we would appreciate your cooperation and commitment to help us do just that!

Please also join us in praying for those who have been affected by this illness, as well as their caregivers and those who are working around the clock to minimize the impact of this virus.

