



Presently there has not been a major outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in our community, and our prayers are that such a problem will not occur in southern Maryland. We are also praying for those regions both globally and domestically where the disease has already infected several people. In addition to prayer, we ask that the Bayside family be mindful of this contingency plan for dealing with COVID-19.

1. For Sunday, March 15, 2020: Bible Study (9:00 AM) and Worship (10:30 AM) will go on as scheduled. All after service events, including our Easter Choir Rehearsal, will be cancelled. During our time of worship, we will be recognizing and participating in a National Day of Prayer. Please note that our Coffee, Tea and Refreshment Stations will also be closed until further notice.
2. If you are not feeling well, please remain at home. We appreciate those who faithfully attend the church, but the best way to prevent the spread of any illness is self-quarantine. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a fourteen day quarantine for those who may have been exposed to the disease.
3. If you are considered high risk because of pulmonary disease, emphysema, or any other pre-existing health conditions please take all necessary precautions to protect yourself from possible exposure to the COVID-19 virus by remaining at home.
4. Pastor Glenn, the Elders and Church Leadership want to assure you that no one thinks badly or any different of those who decide to stay home from services. We love each of you – and want you to know that we are here for you all.
5. Media Options: Our Media Team will be testing Facebook Live and hope to make that available tomorrow morning and/or at later times. We will be also be recording the service and will make that available ASAP. Bible Study and other worship options will be sent out under separate cover.
6. If you are uncomfortable with physical contact, you will not offend the church greeters, pastors, or other members by refraining from shaking hands. Moreover, we request that everyone refrain from shaking hands or hugging at all church functions for the near future. Also we request that people wash their hands often, and use hand sanitizer. We will be diligent to insure the bathrooms are well supplied with soap and paper towels
7. If there is an outbreak in our community, we will make a decision as to whether or not to cancel services. Should it be necessary to cancel service we will notify everyone via the church website, email, group text, Facebook and other social media avenues.
8. If services are canceled and/or you decide not to attend for a period of time, we request that you consider giving tithes and offerings on-line. Online giving can be done through Planning Center at: <https://baysidebaptist.churchcenter.com/giving> or contact our church office for further assistance. As always, thank you for your faithful giving to the ministries of Bayside Baptist Church.
9. If an outbreak in the area causes a financial need for anyone within our church family, please contact the church office. The benevolence ministry is prepared to help those who may incur unexpected expenses due to loss of income. In addition, our food pantry will remain open as long as possible to help with any needs.
10. If anyone needs assistance getting to a medical facility, receiving medication, or purchasing groceries, please contact the church office. Again, we are here to help and serve you in any way possible.

Finally, if a crisis should occur, then keep in mind that “we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:27). We love you all and will be sharing more as information comes available.