

Updated Coronavirus Statement – March 18, 2020

For those who desire to attend service, and are physically able, without any symptoms of sickness or compromised immune systems, TIC will be holding limited services between now and Sunday, March 29, until we hear from our national and local government concerning any updates on the Coronavirus. The limitations will consist of “safe zone seating” where “social distancing” is upheld, along with no handshaking or hugging, as well as freedom to enter and exit our building free from any pressure for unnecessary physical contact. We will not be having services for children or youth, however, they are allowed to sit with you in your “safe zone seating” for the regular service. We will also be streaming live both Sunday Services and Wednesday Service. Our building will be sanitized before and between services, and we will take all necessary precautions to ensure your safety. This is totally voluntary on your part but please follow your best judgement in this matter. We just wanted to make our church available to those who might want or need to attend.

Other upcoming activities cancelled include Clear Path, School of Ministry, Family Day, Baptism, Delmar Outreach, *Seven Days to Power Play*, and OASIS Luncheon. Please check our website, app and FB page for all up to date information.

Official TIC Statement Concerning the Coronavirus – March 13, 2020

As communities begin to feel the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19), I want to share with you the steps we are taking here at TIC to protect the health and safety of our church staff and family, which is always a top priority.

We are closely monitoring the local and national reports on the impact of COVID-19, based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization and applicable public health agencies. We have developed plans and put other measures in place that will allow us to respond timely and appropriately.

I will briefly summarize our plan to move forward as a people of faith. As a matter of utmost importance, we must not allow ourselves to be moved by the fear and all of the speculation of what could happen. As people of faith, we should not fear, yet move forward in Godly wisdom.

At this point our plan is to continue having our regularly scheduled services here at TIC with a few modifications. As we continue to monitor the ever-changing information, we will send out any new changes concerning TIC. We will continue to adjust the actions taken, as necessary, to help limit the spread of this virus and do our part in helping to protect each of you. Furthermore, we care about our entire church family and we will continue to offer the kind of ministry that allows God to bring true change and transformation in our lives.

TIC Plan of Action:

1. If you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, or you have been diagnosed through testing with COVID-19, you should stay home and follow the CDC's instructions. If you have traveled out of the country or you have been with someone who has recently traveled here from another country, please exercise great caution to check your symptoms and proceed cautiously.
2. We have increased our housekeeping and sanitization efforts in our facility. We are frequently disinfecting often-touched surfaces such as door handles, countertops, keypads, and restroom surfaces. We are asking all of our staff and facilities team to follow the CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of the infection. In these efforts, our facilities team will use disposable gloves, disinfectant spray, and cleaning solution.
3. We will exercise and encourage "social distancing" while we are in the building together by not shaking hands or hugging one another. We also encourage you to keep a safe distance between yourself and others.
4. Until further notice, we are adjusting our "altar ministry" at the end of each service since it involves close contact, holding hands, and sometimes an embrace. We will likely pray for everyone collectively without involving walking down the altar for one-on-one prayer.
5. Once the service is dismissed, we will not be encouraging close contact with everyone. This will include the same "social distancing" discussed in number 3 above.
6. If, for whatever reason, you are not able to attend a TIC Service, please gather family around you and watch the services online via the TIC App, the TIC website, or the TIC Facebook page, where all of our services are live-streamed. The Live Streaming will also give you the ability to send in your tithe or offering to ensure that the vision of TIC keeps advancing forward without delay.
7. Information regarding other events, such as breakfast, classes, youth outings, etc., will be posted on our website, Facebook page, and TIC App.
8. Our TIC Intercessors, along with staff and leaders, are praying over our property daily, asking God to protect our TIC Family, our community and our friends around the world. We are asking God to put a "hedge of protection" around our church and all of the families represented. God is our strength, our shield, our healer, and our protection!

I believe that all of this is temporary and will eventually improve and life will return back to "normal" again soon. As I stated earlier, we are people of faith and we must always follow what God says, while trusting Him all the way! Stay in faith and DO NOT FEAR!

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