

There has been much in the news this past week about COVID-19 (Coronavirus). At this time, the Public Health Agency of Canada has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as low for the general population, but this could change quickly. There is an increased risk of more severe outcomes for those 65 and over, and those with compromised immune systems or underlying medical conditions.

As we navigate the road between fear and wisdom, here are some matters in regard to our church gatherings:

- If you are experiencing fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties, **stay home and do not come to church.**
 - If symptoms feel worse than a standard cold, see a health care provider or call HealthLine at 811.
 - **If you are staying home and/or are sick, please contact Darrell so the church can remember you in prayer.**
- If you are unable to come to church, audio of Sunday's sermon is uploaded to the church website: gravelbourgchurch.org (usually available by mid-week).
 - Another resource is [RightNow Media's](#) streaming library of Bible study videos; use the [church sign-up link](#) if you don't have an account.
 - You can also spend time in prayer and read the Word at home.
- At church gatherings, practice proper cough and sneezing etiquette (into the bend of your elbow).
- Please respect those who may refrain from or decline embraces or handshakes.
- In addition to regular soap dispensers, motion-activated Antiseptic Soap dispensers have been placed in the men's and women's washrooms on the main level for hand-washing.
- To lessen handling, communion bread will be broken into bite-sized pieces; individual disposable cups will continue to be used for the juice.

We may need to consider other changes and refinements to our gatherings if the situation warrants. In the meantime, let us process our fears before God and ensure that our actions are inspired by faith and guided by sound theology.

Grace and peace,

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