



**Wednesday, March 18, 20**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE REGARDING CORONAVIRUS COVID-19**

**A Message from Rod and Alice Dowie – Senior Pastors**

**Coast and Vines Church 12-14 Aldinga Rd Willunga SA 5172**

Dear Friends,

We want to update you on our response at Coast and Vines Church to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, and to the steps that we are taking at this time.

We are closely monitoring advice from the Department of Health and are following this advice as it arrives. Advice from the Department of Health will change over time and we will reflect these changes in our policies and in this notice. An up to date copy of this notice will be maintained at [www.coastandvineschurch.org.au](http://www.coastandvineschurch.org.au)

We are also doing all that we can to ensure that our facility is maintained at the highest level of cleanliness and hygiene. As a part of this we are seeking to obtain hand sanitizers that will be made readily accessible.

We will continue to conduct our Sunday service at 10:00am but will monitor the situation as the advice from the Department of Health is updated. If deemed necessary we will cease to conduct our Sunday services whilst the risk of contagion remains high. If this happens we will investigate all on-line options to keep connection amongst us all, or meet as smaller groups - or both.

We will not be offering Communion until the risk from Coronavirus threat has been overcome.

We will be cleaning our sound and office equipment, stationary, computer keys, etc. as well as all hard seats and door handles regularly with anti-bacterial wipes.

Regarding our tithes giving on Sunday's buckets will not be passed around but will be put on the Communion table out the front by the stage.

If you don't already tithe online please consider doing so, this reduces infection risk in a church meeting, and it will also help us all in the long term. The reality is that our church will no longer be able to meet in our current format for an unknown period of time.

Our banking details are as follows; thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Bendigo Bank  
 BSB 633000  
 A/C no:157898628  
 Coast and Vines Church

What we ask of you is that:

- If you or your child are feeling unwell in particular if you have cold or flu like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat etc.), please do not attend any church activity such as church services or gatherings including youth, kids, small groups or other church activity until you are well again. Please stay home and rest, seek medical attention.
- If you have travelled from Mainland China, Iran, Europe, the United States or the Republic of Korea within the last 14 days, do not attend.
- If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, you should have already received medical attention and been instructed to be in home isolation. Therefore do not attend.
- If you have a COVID-19 test result pending, please do not attend.
- We ask that you please practice good hygiene by frequently washing your hands with either soap or hand sanitiser.
- If you cough or sneeze, please turn so that you are not facing anyone and do so into your elbow or tissue. Dispose of tissue in a safe manner. Wash your hands immediately after.
- Please also restrict hand-to-hand contact at gatherings and use sensible precautions when in closer proximity to others. We recommend that you don't handshake or hug during this season.
- Parents, if your children are unwell, please keep them home. Any child who falls ill (fever, cough, runny nose) during a program will be required to be collected promptly.

**COVID19: Identifying the symptoms**

Symptoms	Covid-19	Cold	Flu
 Fever	Symptoms range from mild to severe Common	Gradual onset of symptoms Rare	Abrupt onset of symptoms Common
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Cough	Common (usually dry)	Mild	Common (usually dry)
 Sneezing	No	Common	No
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
 Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Source: WHO, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

We must all take the Coronavirus pandemic seriously as it's a serious global crisis with wide reaching effects. It's important that we must all do what we can to slow it's spread as well as minimising the risks to ourselves whilst at the same time ministering to those in need.

We can do this in a number of ways that include praying:

- for those who are infected with the virus
- that the virus will be slowed and its reach reduced
- that an effective vaccine will soon be developed and made available
- for the safety and strength of health workers
- for wisdom for our nation's and state's leaders
- for the livelihoods of many whose jobs and businesses are being effected

Other ways we can care for people include staying connected via phone and social media.

In the case of those who fall sick, cooking meals or helping with grocery shopping may be of great practical help, but please take care not to put yourself at risk if you do this. We recommend leaving the cooking or groceries near the front door and ensuring that direct contact does not take place.

We pray that you will remain healthy and continue to let the love of Jesus shine through you in this difficult season. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us on 08 85562585 or 0427221126.

Finally remember that the God we love and follow holds us close in His loving arms. He is working in every situation, He covers us with His incredible love and grace; and His power overcomes the greatest obstacles! Jesus said; "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you, I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid" (John 14:27)

Love and blessings,

Rod, Alice and the Senior Leaders of Coast and Vines Church



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