

Brookside Free Methodist Church COVID-19 Response: For Positive or Suspected Positive Person in the Church

General Guidance:

- Please refer to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) church guidelines for any specific topic not discussed in this document.
- This document is NOT meant to represent a comprehensive approach to COVID-19.
- If anything in this document is unclear, or appears to be in contradiction to the CDC website, yield to the CDC guidelines as they may change over time.
- Be prepared to deal with the potential situation of a bad medical outcome despite the leadership of the church doing everything within its power to prevent such an outcome.

COVID-19 Positive Patient (or suspected positive) in the Church

- The Church must notify local health officials if it has become aware that a COVID positive Patient came to the church.
- The church must also notify all people who were in attendance at the same time as the positive patient, to make them aware of possible exposure, but NOT who the positive patient is.
- **In accordance with current CDC guidelines, if you were exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID, it is recommended that you stay home and self-quarantine for a period of 14 days. If you have tested negative following the exposure, this does not change the recommended 14-day self-quarantine at home. This is because the CDC is finding that COVID symptoms are taking up to 14 days to show in people who were exposed.**
- If the exposure took place at church, it is recommended that all people who were in the church building at the same time as the positive patient, stay home for 14 days unless otherwise cleared by their health care provider.
 - 14 days is believed to be the longest possible period of time from exposure to becoming sick with COVID.
 - As a result of the above recommendation, no in-person services at the church could be held for a period of 14 days from the date of the service when the positive patient was present.
 - Although the church could be cleaned safely after one week, it could not be done for 14 days by anyone who was exposed by the COVID positive patient.
- **This 14-day policy is on the conservative side of current guidance with the idea that if a bad medical outcome is associated a gathering in the church, the church will have done everything possible to have prevented such an outcome.**

The Contact people for individuals who have been told that they have tested positive for COVID, or have been told that they are a suspected positive, are to contact both of the following people:

Dr. Jonathan Rybolt (765) 480-6609
Pastor Jeff Bradley (734) 751-2966