



BALLARD CHURCH

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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Hi Ballard Church family,

value: awareness

Here's an update on what's happening at Ballard Church in light of the presence of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community. We have been keeping an eye on the always-changing situation; I imagine you have, as well. Our goal is to partner with the community and, by taking proactive steps to slow the spread of coronavirus, reduce the number of people infected.

value: community partnership

With this in mind, we will still be having our regularly scheduled services this Sunday at 9:15am and 11:00am but with a few changes and additions:

value: good judgment

· First things first, please **exercise good judgment**. If you are experiencing any symptoms of a cold or flu or have been in close contact with someone who is, we would ask that you **refrain from attending** service until symptoms resolve. **Being sensitive to the health risks of those around us shows that we care.** Sometimes, being **God's hands and feet in the world means parking your hands and feet on the couch at home!** As always we will be quick to post the message at ballardchurch.com/messages so you won't be out of the loop!

ogistics: stay home

value: care

value: discipline

logistics: personal hygiene

· Second, **commit to good hygiene**: wash hands frequently; don't touch your face, cover coughs/sneezes, and maintain some extra personal space around others. There have been a number of great articles written on this, and one can be found here: **CDC FAQ on COVID-19.**

source: CDC

logistics: deep cleaning

· In addition to our regular cleaning, **we are deep cleaning** each kids classroom and common space before and after services. **Hand sanitizer (liquid gold!)** will be ready at all entrances for you, and our normal food spread will be replaced with **pre-packaged** individual items (Clif bars, etc.).

What to Expect in the Weeks Ahead

We will continue to evaluate the situation on a daily basis. We will be communicating often in the weeks ahead about the status of our normal gatherings, as this situation is constantly evolving. Should anything change beyond what is outlined here, we will be quick to **notify you via email, as well as update** our social media and website.

logistics: communication

Additional Resources

The Washington State **Department of Health** has established a call center to address questions from the public. If you have questions about what is happening in **Washington state, how the virus is spread, and what to do if you have symptoms,** please call 1-800-525-0127 and press #. Answers to Frequently Asked Questions are available on the Department of Health and Public Health of Seattle & King County websites

source: DOH

at www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus and www.kingcounty.gov/covid.

logistics: pray

tone: hard work

Lastly, please continue to **pray with us for those who are affected** by this illness, as well as their caregivers and those who are **working tirelessly to minimize the impact** of this virus in our community. This is an amazing opportunity to be a tangible example of the **care and compassion** of Jesus to people around us. If you are in need of prayer and/or staying home this weekend please reach out to info@ballardchurch.com and we would **love** to pray for you!

value: care/compassion

tone: love

Blessings!

Lance Watson

Lead Pastor

Ballard Church

Here are a few links that might be helpful if you have more questions:

CDC FAQ on COVID-19 **source: understanding & preparation**

What you can do to prepare

How to talk about coronavirus with your kids

LOCATION CONTACT PLAYSOURCE

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS AT 9:15AM & 11AM IN BALLARD AT 1460 NW
73RD ST, SEATTLE, WA 98117

