

**COVID-19 UPDATE; PRESENTED 6/27/20, 11:00AM  
TO THE LIGHTHOUSE WORSHIP CTR. & GRAND AVE SDA CHURCH**

1. PERIODICALLY, UPDATES ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CHURCHES ON HOW TO REMAIN SAFE DURING THIS PANDEMIC.

- WE ARE NOW IN A CRITICAL PERIOD WITH THIS PANDEMIC, THUS A REVIEW IS IN ORDER.

2. **IN MARCH & APRIL OF 2020**, IT BECAME NECESSARY TO CLOSE DOWN OUR ECONOMY & SOCIALLY ISOLATE OURSELVES BECAUSE OF THE SEVERITY OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, WORKPLACES, MALLS, & EVERYTHING NONESSENTIAL WAS CLOSED.

- **IN MAY 2020**, THERE WAS AN EFFORT TO BEGIN TO REOPEN SOME ASPECTS OF OUR ECONOMY, THUS SOME CITIES, RESTAURANTS, MALLS, & OTHER VENUES BEGAN TO REOPEN.

- **HOWEVER** OVER THE PAST 2-3 WEEKS, WE HAVE SEEN AN ALARMING, INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES IN SEVERAL LARGE CITIES & STATES. THERE ARE 3 MAIN REASONS FOR THIS:

**A. A LACK OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP** - WE HAVE NO NATIONAL PLAN ON PREVENTION & TESTING INDIVIDUALS. THE POLITICIANS HAVE THEIR OWN POLITICAL, SELFISH REASONS FOR OPENING THE ECONOMY. THEY REFUSE TO LISTEN TO THE DOCTORS & COOPERATE WITH THE SCIENCE ON PANDEMIC CONTROL. THE DOCTORS HAVE BEEN SILENCED BY THE POLITICIANS!

- THUS, IN THE UNITED STATES WE HAVE LIES, CHAOS, & CONFUSION TO GO ALONG WITH THE WORLDS LARGEST NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES & DEATHS.

**B. MANY ASPECTS OF THE ECONOMY HAVE OPENED UP TO QUICKLY.** THIS HAS ALLOWED LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER IN AN UNSAFE MANNER.

**C. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE CONGREGATING & NOT WEARING MASKS.** THEY ARE BECOMING INFECTED (MOST DO NOT KNOW THEY ARE INFECTED WITH THE VIRUS) & THEN CARRYING THE VIRUS BACK HOME TO THEIR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, THE WORKPLACE, ETC. SO WE SEE MORE YOUNGER PEOPLE ARE GETTING INFECTED, BUT IT IS STILL THE ELDERLY (OVER 65 WITH MEDICAL PROBLEMS) THAT RUN THE HIGHEST RISK OF GETTING SERIOUSLY ILL & DYING.

- LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE ARE IGNORING THE RISK OF GETTING SICK & UNKNOWINGLY INFECTING OTHERS. MANY THINK THEY ARE IMMUNE FROM GETTING SICK. THIS THINKING OR LACK OF, IS DANGEROUS & POSSIBLY DEADLY.

3. 2 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE USA HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, THE CDC ESTIMATES THAT THERE MAY 20 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE USA WHO ARE UNDIAGNOSED.

**4. WHAT TO DO:**

**A. CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON GOD & REMAIN PRAYERFUL. THERE IS UNQUANTIFIABLE POWER IN PRAYER!**

- **1 THES. 5:17**, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

- **PROV. 3:5,6**, TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. SEEK HIS WILL IN ALL YOU DO, HE WILL DIRECT YOUR PATH.

- WE ARE TO USE OUR DEPENDANCE UPON GOD & OUR GOD GIVEN BRAIN & INTELLECT TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS!

**B. REMAIN VIGILANT**, WE MUST BE MORE VIGILANT NOW THAN WE WERE IN MARCH & APRIL OF 2020, BECAUSE THE RISK NOW IS GREATER FOR GETTING SICK. IF WE DON'T REMAIN VIGILANT, THIS VIRUS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO SPREAD LIKE A WILD FIRE. THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT MANY MORE WILL GET SICK IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS, **ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE BLACK OR LATINO.**

**C. WEAR YOUR MASK** WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME **ALWAYS!** WEARING A MASK IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF. WEARING A MASK IS A SIGN OF WISDOM.

- **MY PROFESSIONAL TESTIMONY IS THIS: IF YOU DON'T LIKE WEARING A MASK, YOU ABSOLUTELY WILL NOT LIKE WEARING A VENTILATOR!**

**D. CONTINUE TO AVOID CROWDS.** STAY HOME WHENEVER POSSIBLE. CONTINUE TO WASH YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY, USE SANITIZERS, & CLEAN WITH DISINFECTANTS.

**E. YOUNG PEOPLE (TEENS TO 40s)**, PROTECT YOURSELF & THOSE AROUND YOU. **WEAR YOUR MASK, SOCIALLY DISTANCE YOURSELF (6FT APART), AVOID CROWDING TOGETHER.**

**F. THE CDC.GOV IS A GOOD RESOURCE FOR THE MOST ACCURATE & RELIABLE INFORMATION. DO NOT FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES OF D. TRUMP & M. PENCE (REFUSING TO WEAR A MASK & AVOIDING CROWDS).**

**G. FINALLY: IF YOU ARE 18 OR OLDER, MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE & THEN VOTE IN NOVEMBER 2020!**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, 6/27/20

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