

# Statement on COVID-19



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BIBLE CHURCH

*“God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble” (Ps 46:1)*

In this world, trouble persists. The spread of a virus reminds us that trouble is always nearby—perhaps now, more than usual—we experience worry, fear, and uncertainty. God has something to say to you about the Coronavirus and the elders at Immanuel wish to make a statement concerning it.

In an effort to best shepherd the church at Immanuel, we have decided to suspend gathering activities at our church. This means our weekly studies, activities, and our Sunday worship are temporarily halted. It is a one-week stoppage for now (3/12-3/19). The elder team prayerfully monitors facts and updates on a daily basis. We will continue to communicate additional updates through the email newsletter, website, Facebook, and telephone.

We want you to be safe. Resources like the CDC communicate factual and accurate information online ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)); government agencies such as the Whatcom County Health Department specialize in providing useful data online ([whatcomcounty.us/360/Health-Department](https://whatcomcounty.us/360/Health-Department)). Your physical and

spiritual health are important to us. Your church leaders will convene to discuss ways we can best minister to you if we remain apart. Never hesitate to contact Pastor Michael if you have any needs; we would love to serve you.

Finally, remember that your Lord is greater than fear. Our hope resides in the many certainties He promises. In exchange for His peace, He invites us to bring our worries to Him (Phil 4:4-7). Let us treat this time of uncertainty as a time for the gospel—for the good news of Jesus Christ to bring healing in a time of bad news. *“The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold” (Ps 46:11).*

With the affection of Christ Jesus,

Pastor Michael on behalf of the elders at Immanuel