

## Stone Ridge Church: COVID-19 Plan

There is a lot of concern over the Coronavirus, COVID-19. Stone Ridge Church shares your concerns and wants to help you understand the situation and communicate our plans for combatting transmission of the virus.

Let's separate fact from fiction. Although Yuma school districts have suspended after school activities and MCAS and other venues have cancelled large events, **there is NOT a single confirmed case of COVID-19 in Yuma County or on MCAS Yuma.** According to the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS):

1. There are **nine reported cases of COVID-19 in Arizona:** Five in Maricopa County, 3 in Pinal County, and 1 in Pima County. All have been cases of communal transmission but all have been mild.
2. **Precautionary measures** taken by our local health department to recommend cancelations and suspensions of certain activities are in accordance with state and federal guidelines **to safeguard our population against a global pandemic.**
3. It is **inconvenient and disappointing but an appropriate** measure to safeguard the public.
4. We should **avoid inciting fear** by spreading misinformation, rumors, or by becoming overly concerned about precautionary measures taken by our local, state, and federal governments.
5. **Neither the state nor ADHS are currently recommending suspension of church services,** and Stone Ridge Church has no plans to do so at this time.

After attending a seminar for faith-based organizations presented by the Arizona Department of Health Services, Stone Ridge Church is going to follow some recommendations made by the state to help keep us all healthy.

We recommend some safe practices for our church gatherings and your general health.

1. ***Stay home if you are sick!***
2. ***Wash your hands frequently.***
3. Refrain from shaking hands, hugging, or excessive touching.
4. Use disposable tissues instead of handkerchiefs and discard them after a single use.
5. Wash your hands after touching your face, mouth, or eyes or after coming home from social gatherings or public places.
6. **Disinfect commonly touched areas** such as door handles, faucets, countertops, light switches and commonly used items like keys, remote controls, keyboards, ***your cell phone*** and appliances **using a bleach/water solution or store-bought disinfectant labeled "EPA Approved".**

In addition to these basic suggestions, Stone Ridge is going to follow some additional ADHS recommendations.

1. We will **suspend hospitality services** (serving food and drinks) until it is recommended that we can resume without concern. (Yes, you'll have to bring your own coffee to church.)
2. **Church and small groups** should avoid potlucks or family-style, shared food gatherings. Eat together but **bring your own lunch or dinner and do not share.**
3. The CDC and ADHS have issued guidance regarding **older adults**, especially those with underlying health issues, which suggest **avoiding large gatherings.** We understand if you choose to stay home. You won't miss out. **We have planned to help you stay connected and worship from home by streaming our worship services beginning next week.**

We understand this is disconcerting, but our goal is to keep ***everyone*** safe and healthy even if we have to suffer a little inconvenience to do so. ***Help with using your digital technology will be available after each service this weekend which will allow you to worship with us from home, tithe from home, and keep you informed.***