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## Cherry Creek Church Family,

As you would probably expect, we're keeping an eye on the developing Coronavirus situation and wanted to be proactive in sharing our perspective and our plans as a church. The uncertainty of this outbreak is creating nervousness in our world—our workplaces, schools, and day-to-day activities. As Christians, we remain confident of God's steadfast presence and careful oversight in all that is happening. We are sure that God wants us all to be reasonable in our precautions, but not lose sight of the larger reality of what it means to follow Jesus and be on mission with him. As the media and world churn this "crisis", let's not buy in to the panic. "Perfect love casts out fear," the Bible teaches us. Let us remember that we are people of faith, not fear.

I've talked to several doctors who are experts in these kind of diseases. They believe this virus (like other flu-like bugs) will end in the next few months, as summer approaches. Ninety-eight percent of those who catch the virus will recover to good health. Until then, it in everyone's best interest to be mindful of some basic precautions. Below you'll find some of our suggestions and a few insights into how we're responding, in light of recent developments with the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this point, given that the number of confirmed cases in Colorado is quite small and, following the recommendation of government officials, Cherry Creek will be open for weekend services and we encourage you to join us on-campus this weekend. Please be mindful of the guidance from the Colorado Department of Health and the CDC, including:

- Stay home when you are sick. This is especially true if you have any underlying health issues. We also record and stream our services. Visit our homepage for links to the live streaming as well as previously recorded sermons: [www.cherrycreekpres.org](http://www.cherrycreekpres.org)
- Reduce hand shaking for the next few months.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Please cover your mouth with a tissue or your elbow when coughing or sneezing.

- If you've been traveling to effected areas or high-alert countries, we urge you to consider refraining from attending church events, classes and services until a 14-day timeframe has been observed.

During this time, here's how we are committed to keeping our church facilities as healthy as possible:

- We will refrain from having hand shaking in our services.
- We will offer individual communion elements and not use intinction for a season. As well, we will take an exit offering instead of passing the plate in our Traditional service.
- We have added some sanitizer stations throughout the church. Please us them.
- We will sanitize highly touched surfaces before and after every service such as doors, handles, tables, water fountains, check-in stations, and sinks with CDC approved disinfectant.
- Our staff and serve teams will wash their hands frequently and stay home if they are sick.

Please join us in praying for those who are affected by this illness, as well as their caregivers and those who are working around the clock to minimize the impact of this virus. In Psalm 46, we are reminded that it is God who is our refuge and strength, and our ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, let us not fear, but with confidence use this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus through our prayers and our care for others.

**In Christ,**  
**Brad Strait, Lead Pastor**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Strait". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brad" being more prominent than the last name "Strait".