

Coronavirus Response Plan

March 19th, 2020

Dear Heritage Family,

I want to update you on what's happening at Heritage in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in our area. Like you, I've been following this evolving story with great concern. I've also reached out to local city officials and spoken with several other pastors in the area to gain perspective on how to best move forward. Please read through this entire plan as it contains detailed plans for keeping our campus safe, and how you can help.

*At this time, **Heritage is POSTPONING Sunday services until further notice.***

Heritage Online:

We've got an open spot for you to watch Heritage Online at 11 am each Sunday morning. You can watch at

[HBCTX.online.church](https://hbctx.online.church)

During this time, we are asking you to help stop the spread of the virus in the following ways:

1. *Stay at home when you or a family member are sick. Please contact us if you need help.*
2. *If you are a person in the at-risk population, please avoid contact with those outside of your family.*
3. *Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before or after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.*
4. *Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue or your arm/elbow.*
5. *Get in the habit of NOT touching your face so often.*
6. *Avoid shaking hands, hugging, or personal contact at church, and use a wave and friendly smile instead.*
7. *If you or someone you know tests positive for COVID-19, please let us know so we can find a way to help, pray for everyone involved and take any necessary precautions here at Heritage.*

Three ways you can help:

1. **Pray** – Pray for those impacted by the virus, as well as their families and loved ones. Please remember to pray for our missionaries around the world as well.
2. **Give** – In the coming weeks, we are expecting to have lower giving numbers. The church exists on your tithes/offerings. Consider mailing your contribution or donating online (**[Hbctx.org/give](https://hbctx.org/give)**) or through our church app 'HBCTX' in both the Google play and Apple app stores.
3. **Serve** – As we've been praying and thinking about ways, we can be together for our neighbors during this outbreak. We will be keeping in contact with our membership throughout the coming weeks and if there is anyone who needs help picking up necessary items such medication or essentials there are opportunities to volunteer to help. If interested to serve, please email **SeniorPastor@hbctx.org**

*If you'd like to share your thoughts, concerns, questions, and ideas with us as we navigate our response to this situation, we'd love to hear from you. Your input and feedback are truly important to us. Please email **HeritageBCMC@gmail.com** with any questions or comments.*

Faithfully Submitted,
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