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Dear Rockpointe Family,

As we are all aware, information regarding the Coronavirus or COVID-19 is everywhere and it seemed prudent to the leadership team at Rockpointe to address this while sharing some perspective as well as steps that we are taking to provide a healthy and safe environment at Rockpointe.

The vast majority of people infected with COVID-19 will experience minor symptoms, the people at high risk for developing severe complications are older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, compromised immune systems, diabetes, and lung disease. Even though current data suggests that young and healthy people are not at high risk from the virus, we are taking precautions so we do not transmit the virus to our elderly and friends and relatives who are at high risk. **This is one way our church can love our neighbors by doing our very best to protect them.**

Steps We Already Take

- Rockpointe is thoroughly cleaned throughout the week. This includes floors, toilets, door handles, counters, tables, etc.
- Our children's areas already have processes in place to clean classrooms in order to minimize exposure to bacteria and viruses. We utilize a 3-step process all week long to clean tables, toys, and other surfaces per state daycare regulations and a deep cleaning once per week.

Additional Steps

- Hand hygiene stations are available in multiple areas. Supplies are readily available in multiple areas of the church.
- Greeters who welcome you to Rockpointe will not shake hands and the time for greeting that takes place mid-service will be suspended.
- In our children's areas, we will not receive children who display symptoms of flu, respiratory distress, or other ailments.
- We will review our current Communion practices and make a decision prior to our next scheduled communion the first Sunday in April.



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- Ushers will hold offering bags at the doors to the sanctuary so we don't have to pass them down the row. Each Sunday you will know exactly what to do during our time of giving.
- We are currently engaged with a network of Metro-Detroit churches in regards to this viral outbreak.

Steps You Can Take

- Be mindful of physical contact with others, giving a smile or wave where you might normally offer a hug or handshake.
- Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, or mouth and be sure to wash your hands with soap and water often.
- If you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a sleeve or tissue then wash your hands immediately afterward.
- If you aren't feeling well, see your doctor and stay home from work or church. Be mindful of sharing germs with the people you live with as well.

We understand that the information is evolving, sometimes rapidly. Currently, we are not aware of any specific risk of coronavirus at Rockpointe, but we have devised a task force dedicated to creating the safest environments possible for you and your families. They are closely following information released by the CDC and the State of Michigan and we will revise our policies and procedures appropriately. For now, all church activities will proceed as scheduled. We will continue to update our church community with any new information.

The church has always been a place of shelter and refuge. We want it to continue to be that. We promise to exercise wisdom and caution as this situation develops.

Grace and Peace,

Randy Tomko
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