

As The People's Community Baptist Church closely monitors the progress of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) throughout our nation and region, we are taking steps to prepare for any potential impact. We are praying for those who may be affected by the virus and for God's protection over us all. Please partner with us in this prayer as well as in taking practical measures to mitigate the spread of the virus.

**Updated: Friday, September 4, 2020**

## **OPERATING STATUS**

### **Current Operating Status: Closed**

Though many places around the country may be reopening, The People's Community Baptist Church will remain closed until further notice. We encourage you to continue to participate in our virtual worship services, Bible studies and activities.

Many of the ministries continue to meet online as well. If you need information about your ministry's virtual meetings, please email your ministry leader.

There is limited staff on duty on various days and times of the week. Building access is strictly limited and must be pre-arranged. While we are closed, there are several ways to contact us:

- Email [info@tpcbc.org](mailto:info@tpcbc.org) for general inquiries;
- Call 301-384-2601 Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., if you would like to speak to a receptionist; or
- Email the Church Administrator, [dmcotton@tpcbc.org](mailto:dmcotton@tpcbc.org). Include "Building Access" in subject line.

### **Bible Study**

Bible study has ended for the summer. It will resume in the fall.

### **Worship Services and Bible Study**

We will have virtual worship services until the government provides clearance for large gatherings to resume. Stay connected and join us during our regular service times of 7:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., by visiting [www.tpcbc.org](http://www.tpcbc.org); Youtube, @TPCBC or Facebook @ThePeoplesCommunityBaptistChurch.

### **Tithes & Offerings**

If you would like to continue your tithes and/or offerings during this time, there are several ways you can give to the church:

- Online: visit [www.tpcbc.org/way-to-give](http://www.tpcbc.org/way-to-give) and select one of the digital giving options.
- Mail: You can send a check to the following address: TPCBC, ATTN: Trustees, 31 Norwood Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Please make checks payable to TPCBC.

Thank you for your contributions.

## WHAT WE'RE DOING

The safety of our members, staff and visitors is our utmost concern. We are taking the following precautions at TPCBC:

- **Providing hand sanitizer.** We have placed hand sanitizer stations at each entrance. We also have wall-mounted stations throughout our buildings' common areas as well as our classrooms and meeting spaces. Please use them when you are unable to wash your hands.
- **Disinfecting our building.** The surfaces within the Sanctuary, banquet hall, classrooms, meeting rooms, and offices are cleaned and disinfected daily.

### In General

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth and others with unwashed hands.
- Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water as often as you can. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- If you are not near a sink, use hand sanitizer. Sanitize all of the skin on your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Refrain from shaking your hands to dry them.
- Engage in respiratory etiquette by coughing and sneezing into the bend of your elbow.
- Sanitize freshly touched surfaces in your home, school or office daily.
- Avoid coming in close contact with those who appear unwell.

### Educate Yourself

- Learn the additional measures that high risk, vulnerable individuals should take.
- Stay up on current events.

## RESOURCES

- [Montgomery County Department Health and Human Services](#)
- [Montgomery County COVID-19 Information Portal](#)
- [Maryland Department of Health](#)
- [Montgomery County Public Schools Update](#)
- [Reopening Montgomery](#)
- [Symptoms](#)
- [Protective Waste Collection Measures](#)
- [Prevention and Treatment](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

# **CORONAVIRUS EXPLAINED EASILY:**

- Kate got infected yesterday, but she won't know until 14 days later.
- Kate thinks she's healthy and is infecting 10 people per day.
- These 10 people think they are ok, they travel, go out and infect 100 people.
- These 100 people think they are healthy and keep infecting 1000 people.
- No one knows who is ok or who can infect you.

**Do you understand why  
it is important to stay at home?  
Be responsible. Stay in quarantine.**

# STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)