

COVID Response Update

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Golden Hills SDA Church

If you have been **following the news**, you know we are seeing the highest rate of COVID infections and hospitalizations we have ever had here in the Omaha area since the beginning of the Pandemic.

Because of this, our **Church Board this week voted to discontinue all in-person activities** and only hold online services going forward. We will re-evaluate this at our board meeting each month and will return to our building as soon as it seems safe to do so.

This means there will be **no in-person Worship Services**, Sabbath School Classes, Pathfinders, Adventurers, Prayer Meetings, Board Meetings, or MLT Meetings at our Church Facility.

We will continue to livestream our Worship Service each Sabbath beginning at 11:10 am with *Mission Spotlight* and our *Children's Corner*. You can view it on our **Website**, our **Facebook Page**, or our **YouTube Channel**.

Prayer Meetings, Board Meetings, and MLT Meetings will continue via our **Church Zoom Channel**. **Click here** for instructions on how to join one of these meetings.

As we move forward from here, we will use the **Pastor's Blog, Golden News**, our **Website**, and **Remind** to keep you informed.

I know this is disappointing. It felt like we were just getting some momentum building back up – and however we may frame it, it feels like a step backward.

However, **Jesus' mandate to love each other** (see **John 13:34-35**) means we will not expose others to unnecessary risks. We will not provide more opportunities for COVID to expand in our community.

It also means **we will look out for one another**. Please call and check in on people God brings to your mind. They may not need any specific help, but a **thoughtful conversation can change the outlook of an otherwise bleak and lonely day**.

Above all, **keep your connection with God secure**. Don't neglect to spend time with Him in the Bible and talking with Him in Prayer. This is where your strength to survive, and even thrive will come from.

For Updated Information

1. **Go to Our Website** at www.GoldenHillsChurch.org.
 - In the **News & Announcements** Section you will find links to the most up-to-date information we have published.
 - You can sign up to **receive the Golden News** directly to your email in-box. It generally comes out once a week on Thursday evening. There is a place on the homepage of our Website (www.GoldenHillsChurch.org) where you can sign up for it or **click here**.
2. **Sign Up for Remind:** Remind is the way we **communicate with you in an emergency** or when time is critical. Through it you get a text message from us to your cellphone. To sign up, simply text the message *@tmartinse* (yes, that is written correctly) to the number *81010* (or 941-787-5566).
3. **Contact One of Our Elders or Pastor T.**
 - **Kalvin Tuel**, Head Elder: 402-201-6370, kalvin.tuel@gmail.com
 - **Brenda Eitel**: 402-212-5614, jandbeitel@cox.net
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 - **Pastor T**: 402-517-5333, martinsent@gmail.com
4. For the **most reliable, up-to-date information, on the COVID-19** virus situation, check out the **CDC**, the **World Health Organization**, **Adventist Risk Management**, **Adventist Health**, **UNMC**, and the **University of Minnesota COVID-19 Resource Center**.

For Livestreaming & Online Meetings

1. **Golden Hills Live Stream:** On Sabbath (Saturday) mornings our **Worship Service** begins at 11:05 with **Mission Spotlight**, followed by our **Children's Corner**. You can view it on our **Website**, our **Facebook Page**, or our **YouTube Channel**.
2. For instructions on how to participate in our online groups – such as Prayer Meeting, MLT Meetings, Board Meetings – **click here**.