

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Asbury Church Issues New Policies**

*These policies in response to the potential spread of COVID-19 are effective immediately*

**Flint, Mich.** -- Today, Asbury Church issued new building usage policies and recommendations in the spirit of cooperation with local, state, and national efforts, to protect residents by reducing some of the ways that disease is spread.

#### **What Asbury Church is doing:**

- Our staff is monitoring information from local, state and federal health officials in an effort to ensure that we are acting consistently with recommendations and guidelines from those agencies.
- We are helping our staff and volunteers to receive the information they need to stay healthy.
- We are asking our staff, volunteers, and program participants to stay home if they are not feeling well.
- We are increasing the frequency with which we disinfect surfaces, apply hand sanitizer, and wash our hands.
- We may not shake your hand or hug you when we meet you during this outbreak, but we continue to care about and pray for you.
- We are committed to praying for our residents who may be experiencing hardships due to the coronavirus outbreak. We encourage you to send us your prayer requests on the home page of our website at [FlintAsbury.org](http://FlintAsbury.org).
- We are committed to working with residents and community partners in relieving suffering. And we encourage you to offer your suggestions using the "Have a question" feature on our [website](#).
- We plan to begin broadcasting our weekly worship service, Sundays at 10:30 am for viewing by anyone who wishes to join in via the internet.

The Rev Dr Tommy McDoniel, Sr Pastor at Asbury Church and Executive Director of Asbury Community Development Corporation said, "Asbury Church

has been offering prayers and serving this community since 1926. I am grateful for the privilege of continuing this tradition.”

Kevin Croom, Operations Director at Asbury, noted “Out of concern for our staff, volunteers, residents, and program participants, we are taking additional precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of disease. I encourage people who have signs of illness to avoid contact with other people and seek medical attention.”

### **What you can do:**

Since information about COVID-19 is constantly changing, be sure to consult [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus) for information.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) to keep up-to-date on our response to the COVID-19 outbreak and other opportunities. Please make sure we have your current contact information; your email address is important for communications.

Our efforts rely on the generous donations of people. You can make donations to help support our efforts at this link — [DonateNow](#).

Be reminded that individuals with confirmed infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

Prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold or COVID-19 include:

- If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19, call your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, call the nearest hospital.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick. Replace handshakes with elbow bumps.
- If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting.