



May 25, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Safety/Reopening Plan

Dear Restoration Praise Center Family -

As many of you may be aware, Governor Larry Hogan lifted the stay-home order for the state of Maryland on May 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm. However, due to the significant number of COVID-19 cases in Prince George's County, Executive County leader Angela Alsobrooks has **not** lifted the stay-at-home order. As such, we follow suit. We do not foresee the reopening of RPC happening anytime soon. This means that even when Angela Alsobrooks lifts the stay-at-home order for Prince George's County that will allow places of worship to reconvene for face-to-face meetings, we will not consider that update as a mandate to immediately return to services in the physical building. Our philosophy is, "All because you can, does not mean you should." To this end, RPC will not return to the (physical) house of worship until all safety measures are in place and it has been determined that we can sustain such measures for the public safety of all.

To help execute a COVID-19 safety/reopening plan, the RPC Leadership Team has voted to implement a task force under the leadership of Dr. Anikah Salim and LaToya Forrester, both of whom are Epidemiologists. This task force has been charged with developing a comprehensive safety/reopening plan that will be recommended back to the RPC Leadership Team for any necessary modifications and, ultimately, final ratification. All final decisions will be made by the entrusted RPC Leadership Team.

Like many of you, the Pastoral staff miss worshipping face-to-face on our main campus. However, until all due diligence is done to ensure public safety, we will refrain from having face-to face meetings.

As we continue to do creative ministry and experience community virtually, may we also maintain the best practices in health and hygiene. Please continue to practice social distancing, wearing your mask in public areas, washing your hands, keeping your hands out of your face, and eating an immune system building diet.

If you have any concerns or questions with regards to RPC's next steps toward reopening, feel free to forward all such concerns to INFO@RPCSDA.ORG.

Sincerely,

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