



**Thursday, March 4, 2021, 9:30pm**

Good evening, New Song friends,

As you know, we have attempted to do everything reasonably possible to keep our congregation safe and informed about health concerns related to Covid-19 since March, 2020. We have obeyed laws, followed precautions, and put all recommendations in place from multiple sources – the Virginia Conference, Governor, state and local health departments, the CDC, etc.

This evening, it has come to our attention an individual who was in our facility on Sunday, February 28, has tested positive for Covid-19. The majority of time this individual had in our facilities was spent with the youth in the Walnut Grove house; however, this individual was in the main facility before and after the worship service.

Our custodial staff will complete extra cleaning to sanitize our facilities prior to Sunday morning.

A close contact is defined by the CDC as anyone who is within six feet of a person with Covid-19 for a total of 15 minutes (or more) over a 24-hour period. A second definition includes anyone having exposure to a Covid-19 patient's respiratory secretions (ie: being coughed/sneezed upon, sharing a drinking glass/utensils, kissing, etc.) while they were contagious.

Close contacts are identified through contact tracing. To learn more about contact tracing, please visit the Virginia Department of Health's website: [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/prevention-tips/contact-tracing](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/prevention-tips/contact-tracing)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Church Office directly.

As always, we wish this virus was completely behind us. We ask that you join in praying for all parts of our church family and implore everyone to follow official guidance to combat the spread of Covid-19.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Chad