

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Church Information Additional Information & Questions for Boards

### Suggested Questions Church Boards and Leadership Teams should consider

Preview your church's emergency response plans and communication plans in the context of a pandemic.

Church leaders should consider appointing a second in charge who can run the church or a ministry of it efficiently in his/her absence.

Remind your congregation that accurate information is essential, and that it is important to use trusted sources such as State and National Health Departments.

Churches should also prepare to support vulnerable people in their community especially the elderly and people with a disability.

Promote that all people should seek medical care if they require it.

Encourage church staff and congregation members to review their family emergency plans and take time to prepare now.

Create plans to enable church staff to work remotely/from home if that becomes a necessity. More information on this is available from [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au)

Consider hosting conference calls or video chats as alternatives for face-to-face meetings

Many affected countries have suspended their church services, and some bigger churches are streaming their Sunday services live. Facebook Live or using pre-recorded videos for sermons are effective options.

Consider what additional ministry programmes your church currently offers and assess whether they need to be placed on hold. i.e. Seniors groups, craft groups, Children's Holiday Clubs etc.

If ministry activities are cancelled, how do we continue to minister?

What advice is your church providing to home groups?

How does your church continue to be financially viable? How do you encourage different forms of giving?

How will your church look to provide support to those affected within your community? Not only those who may get the virus, but those whose employment may be affected?

How is your church preparing for special gathering such as Easter?

If you have mission trips planned, are these able to go ahead?

**Building healthy churches**

21 Rowe Avenue, Rivervale WA 6103  
PO Box 57, Burswood WA 6100

Phone: +61 8 6313 6300

Fax: +61 8 9470 1713

Email: [admin@baptistwa.asn.au](mailto:admin@baptistwa.asn.au)

Web: [www.baptistwa.asn.au](http://www.baptistwa.asn.au)

## Additional Reading

### Federal and State Government Department of Health Websites

[www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

<http://health.wa.gov.au/>

### Crisis leadership, Christian leadership and the coronavirus epidemic

Leadership article from Carey Nieuwhof

<https://careynieuwhof.com/crisis-leadership-christian-leadership-and-the-corona-virus-epidemic/>

### WA's coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic plan explained — how it will affect you

ABC News article

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-11/wa-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-plan-explained/12045932>

### COVID-19 – how should your board respond?

Australian Institute of Company Directors article

<https://aicd.companydirectors.com.au/membership/the-boardroom-report/volume-18-issue-3/coronavirus-how-should-your-board-respond>