

Church Action Plan re COVID-19 (as at 23 March 2020)

	Principle	Practice
1	Currently, we are open for services	We are closely monitoring the situation. As at 23 March, we are still open on Sundays at 10am as we are a small group.
2	Look out for one another. Look out for yourself.	If you are unwell, or are on antibiotics, or if your immune system is weak, stay home and keep yourself isolated. Rest until you are completely well. Stay in touch. Phone, text, email, or snail mail is all ok. Social distance does not mean social isolation. Love one another in new ways.
3	Handwashing and cleaning	Wash your hands thoroughly / use hand sanitiser provided frequently. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze. Discard used tissues in the bin. Clean and disinfect church premises more regularly, especially door handles, benches and other high-touch areas, objects and surfaces regularly.
4	We need to keep a Social Distance, physically	Seating: Some chairs have been removed, and all others spread at required distances. Couples, and family groups, may sit together. If you live together, please pull your chairs close together to create extra space between you and others. Fellowship: We are a huggy church, but sadly, no hugs. No handshakes, not even fist bumps. Elbow bumps are the new greeting method. If someone steps into your space, step back, hold up your hand in a 'stop' sign, keeping him/her at a distance.
5	Sharing food is a High-Risk Activity.	Morning teas and church lunches have been cancelled for the time being. There will be no Myanmar Morning Tea this month. However, the Myanmar donation box will still be available, and you can still make your contribution. Do NOT bring food or drink to church. If you do, you will have to take it back home.
6	Group activities	Cancelled until further notice: Home Groups, Prayer Groups, Men's Coffee, Communion, Easter Outreach at Panania shops.
7	Church offering	The steward will walk around with the offering bag for people to drop in their offering. Why not set up a direct credit arrangement via internet banking with your bank? Church account details: LifeChurch Panania, BSB 704 922, Account 005 008 757.
8	Maintain communication.	Pray for one another. Pray for our Church Council they have will have God's wisdom in charting our course through these hard times. Pass on email/text messages from the church about this matter to those people who are not on email or on the internet. PLEASE ring them to update them.
9	What does the future hold?	We are monitoring the situation closely but so far, we plan to conduct our 10am service with 4 metres square distancing and open glass doors for ventilation, as we are a small group. (15 people attended on Sunday 22 March) If our services close temporarily, watch the Weekly Word from our church website www.lifechurchpanania.org each Sunday morning, and print the handout sheet to make your notes. We may make music available online too.

Fear not, is one of the most repeated commands in Scripture. The world is obviously broken, but God still rules and is in control. Be alert, but not alarmed. Be wise, cautious, gracious and calm. Let's support one another, and underneath are God's everlasting arms.