

Daily View

"But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today'" Hebrews 3:13

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This chart appeared in a email I received today. Just replace "Pastor" with "Pastors" (elders) and you get the idea.

Update & Why Covid-19 is Different

The chart above presents a pretty good summary of the challenges in our effort to get back to the building to meet as we normally do. Nearly every perspective is covered there, although I hope a couple of them do not represent anyone in the Folsom church.

Since we announced our plans to meet on Sunday, several issues have emerged that require your elders to go back to the drawing board and take another look. I won't go into the details but know that our aim all along has been to get our group together as soon and as safely as possible. You can expect an update on that very soon.

Meanwhile, Dr. Terry Raposa, one of our elders, has written a little piece on how the coronavirus is different from the common cold and seasonal flu and other diseases that we are willing to risk contracting when we meet together or interact in any space. Take a minute to read this since it is an important reminder of why we are being so careful in all our preparations why we feel the precautions we are taking before assembling again are important.

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Covid-19 Is Different Than Other Viruses

During periods of rapid change and when there can be both a lot of information available to us and still a lot of uncertainty it can become very confusing with regard to what to do and how to deal with COVID-19 risks as we do our best to go about our lives and worship to God through Christ our Lord.

We fully realize there are wide and varying opinions regarding precautions that one should take when it

comes to wearing face masks and social distancing. It is important to realize also that COVID-19 is different than other infections and poses a greater risk than what we are used to dealing with.

It is a virus that can spread while people do not have symptoms. It has an average contagiousness factor where each one of those infected individuals infect on the average an additional 2 more individuals; so 2 becomes 4, 4 becomes 8, 8 becomes 16 very rapidly and many people can become very sick very fast with an infection that does not yet have a good treatment and although research and development laboratories are working around the clock on a vaccine presently there is not one available nor are there medications that are successful in reliably curing those who become seriously ill.

Because of this continued precautions are advised. While there has been thankfully a relaxation of restrictions on precautions we still need to do our best to protect each other. Precautions such as wearing a mask and washing our hands helps to prevent spread of the disease. What it boils down to is that it is not about any one of us; it is about all of us. We take precautions because we care about one another and we have love for one another. So precautions are taken out of kindness, service, and care for each other. We know there are many high risk members in our group and we want to do all that we can to protect them and everyone else. Thank you for considering these things.

Terry