



CHINESE CHRISTIAN  
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### **Covid-19 -- CCUC Updates**

The health and safety of everyone is a top concern for us as a church family. As President Trump has declared a national state of emergency regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, we need to do our part in helping to prevent the spread of Covid-19. CCUC is closing our facilities beginning at the end of the day on Friday, March 13, 2020 through mid-April. (We will regularly monitor the situation and make adjustments as necessary.) All church activities will be suspended until we are able to safely resume operations. We would, however, like to continue to provide an online place for people to worship and fellowship. We are currently working to set-up an online worship service for each site/congregation and this should be ready to launch by Sunday, March 22, 2020. Unfortunately, we must cancel all worship services on Sunday, March 15, 2020, and encourage our church family to call and pray for one another. We've produced this handout with important information for you to have as we go forward.

1. **Stay Up-to-Date** -- For the latest information, please visit our website ([www.ccuc.net](http://www.ccuc.net)), where we will post the latest updates. We will also provide updates via the CCUC Facebook page.
2. **Online Worship Services** -- Join us online for worship beginning Sunday, March 22, 2020. Links for each service (Cantonese, English, Mandarin & South) will be posted on the CCUC website and on Facebook. Online services will begin at 10 AM and feature live worship and live or recorded sermons.
3. **Weekly Prayer Meeting** -- CCUC will post the weekly prayer guide and bulletin online for you to download and pray with your families. We encourage everyone to call and pray together over the phone. Please check our website regularly for any updates in this area.
4. **Fellowship and Small Group Gatherings** -- We encourage fellowships and small groups to seek out ways to meet online and avoid meeting in large groups. Please keep in mind that social distancing is one of the key ways to prevent the spread of Covid-19.
5. **Counseling & Prayer Support** -- Our pastoral staff remain available to support you with counseling and prayer. Please contact your congregation pastors or leaders or you can send an email to [office.chinatown@ccuc.net](mailto:office.chinatown@ccuc.net) and your request will be routed to the appropriate staff.

6. **Upcoming All Member Assembly (AMA)** -- The AMA scheduled for Sunday, March 29, 2020 will be postponed and has been tentatively rescheduled for Sunday, April 26, 2020.
7. **Giving of Tithes and Offering** -- During this time, if you still desire to give your tithes and offering, there are several ways to do so:
  - a. **ONLINE** -- Online giving is quick and easy and can be done at [ccuc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://ccuc.churchcenter.com/giving) (the platform allows for ACH or credit card transactions).
  - b. **U.S. MAIL** -- If you wish to give by mail, please send your checks to:  
Chinese Christian Union Church  
2261 S. Wentworth Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60616  
PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE U.S. MAIL
  - c. **IN PERSON** -- If you wish to give in person, please call the church office at (312) 842-8545 during regular business hours for assistance.

#### **General Tips to Observe During the Covid-19 Pandemic**

- In general, everyone is encouraged to:
  1. Seek medical assistance immediately if they don't feel well
  2. Wash hands often, and wear a mask as needed
  3. Postpone travel plans to the affected regions, if possible
  4. Stay at home for two weeks if returning from China, Hong Kong, Macau, or other high-risk areas.
- Additionally, older adults (age 60 and above), and people who have severe chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease, should stay at home as much as possible.
- Please regularly monitor news and government websites regarding the latest updates on how to proceed with your daily activities in light of this pandemic.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention -- [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)

Illinois Department of Public Health -- [dph.illinois.gov](http://dph.illinois.gov)

Chicago Department of Public Health -- [chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph.html](http://chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph.html)

Chicago Tribune -- [chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com)

Chicago Sun-Times -- [suntimes.com](http://suntimes.com)