CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) GUIDANCE

The Government has published a coronavirus action plan. We will review this and update the guidance on this page as needed.

Use the link below for a continued and appropriate guidance from the Public Health Advice;

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance

Guidance for churches

Current Government advice is that individuals should follow good hygiene practices including:

- Carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and binning the tissue;
- Washing hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds) or using sanitizer gel to kill germs.

Advice has also been issued to travelers who have returned to the UK from a number of countries.

- Anyone who has returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develops symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath should immediately:
- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu;
- Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

The advice for anyone in any setting is to follow these main guidelines.

- If you have been in contact with someone with coronavirus or have returned from an
 affected area identified by the Chief Medical Officer as high risk and you are feeling unwell
 with a cough, difficulty breathing or fever, stay at home and use the NHS 111 online
 coronavirus service or call NHS 111.
- 2. Wash your hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and hot water, particularly after coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose, or after being in public areas where other people are doing so. Use hand sanitizer if that's all you have access to.
- 3. To reduce the spread of germs when you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, or your sleeve (not your hands) if you don't have a tissue, and throw the tissue away immediately. Then wash your hands or use a hand sanitizing gel.
- 4. Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces using your regular cleaning products to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

At the current time and based on our understanding of what is known of COVID-19 and other similar respiratory viruses, it is likely that older people and those with chronic medical conditions may be vulnerable to severe disease. As more information emerges, recommendations may change.