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COVID-19 Protocols for all Illinois Conference Employees and Volunteers

**ALL POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
AS NEW INFORMATION SURFACES**

**THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE
FOR ALL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE, UCC EMPLOYEES**

In an effort to comply with new standards around social distancing, and in response to the CDC's strategy not just to contain the spread of infectious diseases but to mitigate against its impact, the following the protocols [established by our national setting and the CDC guidelines] are active until at least until April 17, 2020:

- All air travel and train for work is prohibited. Emergency air travel for work may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Consult with the Conference Minister.
- All Conference in-person sponsored meetings/gatherings that are scheduled through Friday, April 17th should use Zoom or teleconference technology to meet. We will strive to meet your needs using Zoom and/or other technologies. **(If life gets back to normal prior to April 17th or if we need to extend this protocol, we will notify you).**
- Pilgrim Park and Tower Hill Camps will be CLOSED during this period. These facilities are potentially vulnerable to this virus. Likewise, the Governor just announced, Sunday, March 15, 2020, that all restaurants, bars and licensed facilities that provide communal meals be shut down.
- Conference staff will not attend in person any Conference Council or Executive Committee meetings, Association gatherings including Committee's on Ministry, Executive Committees, Council Meetings, Association Spring Meetings, ODM gatherings, Installations, Ecclesiastical Councils or Ordinations. We recommend that associations defer Ecclesiastical Councils, Installations and Ordinations at least until April 17th. There may be extenuating circumstances that need to be evaluated on a case by case basis. Potential Exceptions should be addressed to the Conference Minister with the local ACM copied.
- Conference staff will purchase a Zoom account for each association and create Zoom links for every Association Meeting. Staff will only attend all meetings via

Zoom.

- Staff has been informed to cancel all preaching engagements through April 17, 2020. We will reassess the matter as that date gets closer.
- Work related auto travel may be permitted in emergency situations with approval by the Conference Minister.
- Anyone returning from international travel to other countries is requested to work from home for 14 days, and if symptoms consistent with the COVID-19 virus manifest, then the employee/volunteer will need a note from their doctor before returning to work and/or volunteering.
- All staff should strive to hold meetings by Zoom when at all possible.

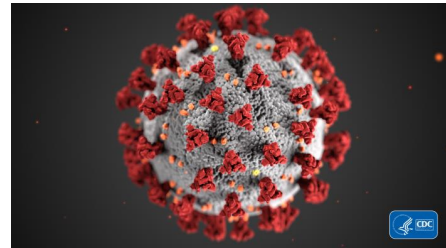
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Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Resources

From the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ:

[COVID-19 Protocols for all Illinois Conference Employees and Volunteers](#)

[Recommendations and Suggestions about Coronavirus from the Illinois Conference Ministry Leadership Team and Rev. Chuck Maney, Conference President](#)



From the United Church of Christ Office:

[Coronavirus and the Church: National Officers Speak Out](#)

[Coronavirus resources for congregations from UCC Disaster Ministries](#)

Bookmark these resources for developing information:

- [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 updates.](#)
- [CDC New travel alerts](#)
- [Free communication resources about Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [FEMA, general disaster guidance for Houses of Worship.](#)
- [Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities](#)
- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) - City of Chicago](#)

Additional information:

- [Pandemic Preparations: Inquiring Minds Want to Know](#)
- [State of Illinois Daily COVID-19 Briefing](#)

From Advocate Faith and Health Partnerships:

[Latest information and resources about Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) to keep you and your faith community as up to date as possible.](#)

From Advocate Aurora Health Enews:

<https://www.ahhealthnews.com/2020/03/12/news-about-the-coronavirus-changes-constantly-heres-where-you-can-go-for-the-latest-information/>

Advocate Aurora Health has recently launched an information page:

<https://www.advocateaurorahealth.org/coronavirus-disease-2019>

Advocate Aurora Health Faith and Health Partnerships is continually updating its page on Coronavirus resources: <https://www.faithhealthtransformation.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resources/>

From the World Health Organization(WHO):

[Getting your workplace ready for COVID-19](#)

[WHO Preparedness resources.](#)

Find the latest information from WHO on where COVID-19 is spreading:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>

<https://www.epi-win.com/>



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