



# Clifton

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**We are sorry to announce that beginning Monday, 11/9/2020 meetings INSIDE of the Clifton Presbyterian Church facility will be suspended for two weeks at a minimum.** Early in the pandemic, your Emergency Contingency Committee set specific metrics that would allow for safe gatherings inside of the CPC facility as well as outside on church grounds. Although we had good news in early October that our COVID numbers in the area had declined to the degree that we could meet indoors, those cases have increased. Although we hope that this is a temporary situation based on a short-term increase, the caseload of COVID-19 will guide our measures.

Outside meetings, including the Sunday evening vesper service are determined by a different criteria and continue for the time being. And of course, ZOOM meetings remain the safest medium for any gathering. If you need the church to set up a ZOOM meeting for your group, please contact the church office via email at: [office@cliftonpc.org](mailto:office@cliftonpc.org)

As we continue to face these difficult times as a community of faith that trusts in God's goodness made known to us in Jesus Christ, please join the Emergency Contingency Committee in praying for the safety of all those whom God loves and for those working on treatments and vaccines to be given an extra measure of energy and insight. And please remember to wear your mask, wash your hands, and keep a physical distance from those outside of your home group!

Your Emergency Contingency Committee continues to meet each week and monitors the Northern Virginia situation. Hopefully, we will see improvement in the weeks to come, and we will alert you via email to any changes.

*Emergency Contingency Committee: Lynne Coyle, Sam Kinzer, Steve Landry, Bruno Maestri, Jay Palau, Mark Reimers, Bill Watts, Jim Wrightson (chair)*

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### **Criteria Necessary to Allow Small Meetings Inside the Church**

#### **Criteria for COVID-19 Levels in Northern Virginia**

To reopen the church to church committees and small group meetings, the levels of COVID-19 in the Northern Virginia area must be reduced to achieve the following:

- New cases must be below 1520 per week (~1/3 of average peak) for at least 2 weeks
- Daily hospitalizations must be below 20 (~1/3 of average peak) for at least 2 weeks
- Percent positive cases (7-day average) must be below 5% for at least 2 weeks