

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Effective immediately, Lake Mead Christian Ministries/Academy is temporarily closing all on-site school classes, childcare and preschool services, and church gatherings. At this time, the closure is planned to begin tomorrow, Monday, March 16 and go through Monday, April 13 at a minimum. At this time, our plan is to reopen after our Easter Break. *PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO access to our campus buildings tomorrow as disinfecting is underway.*

This proactive step is based on expert guidance provided to our LMCM Task Force. This is also the direction that is anticipated for all Nevada schools to follow in the near future. The most recent and oft-repeated medical guidance on both the national and state level is that our willingness to enter into this disciplined approach for social distancing will effectively combat the spread of COVID-19. If all entities comply immediately, experts predict that our communities will have a shorter timeframe of imposed separation and a quicker return to normalcy. The goal is to have fewer people suffer a serious illness or even death.

Be assured that we take any decision to close onsite services - school, childcare, preschool, and church - very seriously, and certainly recognize that closures pose difficulties for families. ***The disruption to education is expected to be very temporary as we roll out remote and other alternative delivery methods for school. Parents, please exercise patience until you hear specific details from school administration or teachers yet this week.*** Obviously, testing is delayed and no attention is needed to report absences during our temporary closure.

We know you have questions and commit to answering them promptly through daily corporate updates that keep you informed rather than individual answers. Communication about remote learning and other service-specific information needed is planned in the next few days. We ask you to stay safe by practicing official guidelines for health and well-being. Feel free to send your questions and concerns to taskforce@lmcm.org so we can address them in future communications. Again, we will be **focused on thorough DAILY community communication** as we work on other matters important to LMCM/LMCA.

Updated CDC guidance <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Also, watch for a special LMCM Community interview with Dr. Fadi Salibi, Southern Nevada Infectious Disease Specialist and LMCA parent. We hope to post Dr. Salibi's interview on LMCA and CALM Facebook and websites later today.

Blessings,

Sue Blakeley and the LMCM Task Force