



## COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines and Funeral Assistance

It's been just over one year since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we have made great strides recently with vaccines, and the end of this painful season seems to be drawing near, we are not yet out of the woods. Let's continue to stand strong just a little while longer by wearing masks, washing hands and maintaining social distance.

Following is information about COVID-19 Testing, Vaccines and Funeral Assistance:

- Testing for COVID-19 will be held here at the church from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on the following four Saturdays: April 10th, April 18th, April 24th and June 12th. All those tested will receive a free bag of groceries and some COVID-19 giveaways. You will also be able to pre-register for your COVID-19 vaccination. The April 10th testing day will begin with a ceremony honoring our military veterans. This observance will be coordinated by Dr. Elwood Gray, who is the Founder and President of the National Coalition of Prison Ministries. For more information, please contact Jackie Dennard, Director of the Community Engagement Ministry, at 301-467-1562 or [socialaction@tpcbc.org](mailto:socialaction@tpcbc.org).
- Marylanders eligible in Phases 1, 2A and 2B may now pre-register for vaccination at one of the State's mass vaccination sites. Pre-registration ensures that you will be notified when appointments are available. Vaccinations are also available through hospitals, local health departments and pharmacies. All vaccinations are appointment-only. For more information, to find a vaccination location near you, or to pre-register for your vaccination, please visit <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>.
- In the wake of the devastating death toll leveled by the coronavirus, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced that they will begin providing financial assistance to individuals who paid for funeral expenses incurred for deaths related to COVID-19. Up to \$9,000 per funeral will be made available through this new program. Guidance is currently being finalized and is expected to be released later this month. In the meantime, people who incurred COVID-19 funeral expenses for deaths after January 20, 2020, are encouraged to gather documentation, including the death certificate and funeral contracts and receipts. More information can be found on the FEMA website at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). Search "funeral assistance."