



## Per e-mail

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To: All Members

Dear brothers and sisters,

### **Covid-19 second wave in South Africa**

South Africa has entered the second wave of COVID-19 infections. Please remember that we are all in this pandemic together.

Many of us have heard of the term pandemic fatigue and could be suffering from this as we all want things to go back to normal. However, it is important to remember that the threat and effect of this virus continue to plague societies on a global level. Therefore, I urge all to:

- Wear your mask properly and ensure that it covers your mouth and nose.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or sanitise your hands with 70% alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Maintain a safe social distance of 1.5m or more.

A worrying statistic is a spike in positive tests among our young people. The young are not immune. And, while scientific studies show that they are less affected by the symptoms of the virus, they are still carriers of the disease. It is important to remember that we do not only infect ourselves, but infect all in our home when we return, and this often includes the vulnerable seniors.

As we enter the festive and holiday period, please do so responsibly by following the protocols given by the Health Department. This will help in the fight against the spread of the virus and create a safer environment for all. I also plea to all to please refrain from arranging and attending large get-togethers, parties or braais.

I would also like to remind members that if you are not feeling well or have been exposed to the virus in any way, to complete their isolation period and refrain from attending divine services.

I also wish to give special words of thanks to our COVID teams in all congregations. They ensure that all attendees to services follow the proper protocols and are as safe as possible.

Together, we continue to remember the selfless frontline workers and remain thankful for their dedication and commitment during this time.

We pray for all who are infected and affected by the virus and remember their loved ones. Sadly, where there was a loss of life, we pray for much comfort in this sorrowful time.

The severe effects of the pandemic continue to burden our communities, and the threat of the COVID-19 remains serious and dangerous. Therefore, it remains crucial for us to comply with all the regulations diligently in order to safeguard ourselves and our neighbours.

Yours sincerely,

sign. John L KRIEL