



## **MBC Update re: Coronavirus Impact Plan**

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As you may all be aware of by now, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation has now been given the status of a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. The rapid increase of new confirmed cases across the world and especially in some specific countries has pressed our government to implement more aggressive protocol in the hope of 'flattening the infection curve' in our country. It is believed that this will help the health services to more effectively cope with the needs of the population that is at greatest risk from this virus.

Social isolation seems to be the most effective method of accomplishing this. The protocols announced by the government as well as the common practice now being followed by other businesses and organizations in Ontario and Canada will have far reaching societal and economic impacts.

As part of the fabric of the community at large, MBC takes its responsibility seriously to assist in the effort to flatten the infection curve. To that end we will be implementing various measures that are also designed to ensure the safety of our team members and our guests.

MBC will implement a facility shut down (other than essential services) effective immediately (March 16<sup>th</sup>) and running until April 24<sup>th</sup>. During this time we will be constantly monitoring the situation and provide any updates as needed. Please be advised that the office/lobby will be closed during this time but will be answering phone calls and emails Monday through Saturday.

This will have significant implications on our team and on our ministry to guests and also on our finances. We are working with our team members to ensure safe work practices (working from home, practicing social distancing measures, etc) and also with our guests to accommodate their retreat needs (rebooking later in the year, etc.).

Financially we are implementing some cost saving measures that will have the least amount of impact on the safety of team members and on the guest experience. We are also trusting that our donors will continue to give consideration to this ministry as the Lord leads.

We trust that God will continue to provide wisdom to our team as we plan and serve for His glory. We anticipate that good things will come out of these unprecedented circumstances and new opportunities to share the Good News will bring many people into a redeemed relationship with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

On Behalf of the MBC Team,

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