



## UPDATE #1 – March 5, 2020

In light of recent news regarding the coronavirus in our area, we wanted to update you on the PCS response. PCS continues to follow the guidance and expertise of national and local health officials regarding the virus. This afternoon, Harris County health officials held a press conference to update those in the Houston area about current conditions and recommendations. Two cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Northwest Harris County, but "these cases are travel-related, and at this time, there is no evidence of community spread." ([Click2Houston](#)) The people infected were on a trip together and contracted the virus overseas. All of those on the trip have been under self-quarantine since returning to the US. Harris County health officials are in contact with all of the travelers and any people with whom they may have had contact to contain the virus.

Health officials stressed that there is no evidence of community spread at this time, and they encouraged all Houstonians to continue with normal daily activities. In light of this, PCS will be in session tomorrow as normal, and we will be on Spring Break next week. Houston authorities are encouraging people to stay home and refrain from traveling, especially internationally. During the break, please be mindful of posted travel restrictions (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>), and exercise reasonable caution in your activities to prevent the spread of illness. We encourage you to stay informed regarding any new developments in our area.

Over the break, the PCS administration will continue to monitor the situation. We continue to rely on God's providence and seek His wisdom in our decisions as we listen to reports and follow the counsel of health officials. We are praying for our community, that God would preserve us from illness but more importantly that He would preserve us from fear. Let us continue to trust in God's care and provision for His people as we also pray for those affected by the virus, both in the US and overseas.

May you have a blessed time of rest and renewal over the coming break.