



## Epiphany's Readiness Posture for Welcome Table 2.0 - Offering Prayers, Peace, and Sustenance to our Unhoused Guests During the Pandemic

### **Preface**

In response to the COVID 19 Global Pandemic, the Welcome Table Ministry continues to offer prayer and sustenance to unhoused guests in Downtown DC. In preparation for re-entry and reopening, we are adhering to the CDC's Guidelines for Communities of Faith, the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's COVID Resource HUB for Regathering and Operations, the voices from our Epiphany, and Mayor Bowser's COVID Order for Phase Two.

### **Mode of Transmission**

Coronavirus is typically spread from person to person, through respiratory droplets that are expelled when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Research has also shown that such droplets could be released while breathing, humming, or eating. These droplets can be transmitted to others nearby. The probability of spreading the virus increases when people are gathered in close contact (within about 6 feet) for greater than 15 minutes. Hence, social distancing guidelines must be adhered.

### **Operations**

Epiphany has scaled up its disinfecting processes for cleaning surface areas throughout the worship space, offices, kitchen, rest rooms, and other common areas. To adhere to recommended guidelines, Epiphany is using EPA Approved Cleaning agents and disinfectants. Hand sanitizer dispensers have also been installed throughout the worship space. Note, hand sanitizers reduce the occurrence and growth of bacteria on hands and surfaces but does not kill germs or viruses. Per the CDC, hand sanitizers may not be as effective for reducing germs when hands are visibly dirty, greasy, or heavily soiled.

### **Welcome Table 2.0**

Under the leadership of Maria Hunter, the Welcome Table Ministry has assembled a team of volunteers who, at risk, continue to offer of prayers and sustenance to our unhoused guests. All volunteers are required to wear masks, gloves, and practice social distancing. The distribution of food and supplies takes place outdoors, in front of the church. Breakfast sandwiches, fruit, and a beverage are served to our guests every Sunday.

- Social Distancing: Color indicators are strategically placed on the sidewalk to guide our guests through the process of practicing social distances. Signage and verbal instructions are also provided. Professional Self Standing Signage could enhance the in-line serving experience.
- Masks are required and distributed. Many of our guests will either come with no mask or will wear them improperly. Education on how to properly wear a mask is provided upon arrival. A donation of masks could guarantee that all guests could receive the appropriate PPE.
- Hands Sanitizer is also offered at the point of service. However, as referenced above, Hand Sanitizer may not be as effective for reducing germs on hands are visibly dirty, greasy, or heavily soiled. Having a mobile handwashing station could serve as means for our guests to properly wash their hands with soap and water, prior to eating. This practice could reduce the rate of transmission of the virus within the population



As a volunteer with Arlington Medical Reserve Corp (MRC), I partner with other volunteers to support county health fairs, immunization clinics and other public health initiatives in the Arlington Community. During these events, we invite children and adults to wash their hands at our mobile hand washing stations to demonstrate proper practice. We also use imitation germ gels for guests to apply prior to hand washing. When the handwashing exercise is complete, we shine a blue light on the front and back of their hands to mimic the thousands of bacteria that can remain when proper handwashing is not practiced or available. As giveaways, we offer pamphlets, bacteria wipes, and other forms of educational media to all those who visit our booths.

Having the ability to provide these types of services to those in our Epiphany Community who are experiencing homelessness, could be a huge benefit to the whole church, the city, and the surrounding communities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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#### Additional Skills and Training

- COVID-19 Contact Tracing, Johns Hopkins University
- COVID-19 Infection Control and Prevention
- Certified in Adult CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR and First Aid
- Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)
- Certified Agile Scrum Master (CSM)
- IBM SPSS 20 Statistics Program for Psychologists (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences)
- Completed human protection training - Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)
- Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- NVivo Pro Qualitative Software for Researchers
- Grief Counseling training
- Hospice Care training