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Hey There Tab,

Recently, Governor Northam issued an updated Executive Order in response to increased positive tests of COVID-19. The Elder Team has processed the order and developed a plan to move forward as a church. We all have a range of emotions about the continued pandemic, and that's understandable. Honoring those in authority (Romans 13:1) while not forsaking gathering (Hebrews 10:25) has been a difficult tension for us all to manage. On behalf of the Elder Team, thank you for your fervent prayers as we seek the Lord's wisdom during these trying times.

The major points in response to the amended Executive Order 63 and 67 are as follows:

- We may continue hosting in-person worship services of **more than 25** people. Social distancing guidelines, including the mandatory use of facemasks, are required.
- To respect the mandates, and more importantly, love our neighbor, we're asking that everyone over the age of 5 attending in-person services wear a face mask, move quickly into and out of the auditorium, and maintain social distance. Let's do the loving thing to make our physical environment as safe as possible.
- Children's activities that coincide with the service hour and student activities on Sunday evening will continue.
- Off-sight groups of less than 25 are not prohibited but left to the discretion of the individual groups.

We're quickly moving into what some have deemed the "digital" age. Digital doesn't replace the physical; rather, they supplement one another. Our Tab Tech Team (known as the Squad) is a group of volunteers that work so hard to make our online environment great! We're committed to providing an excellent online experience. Not only do new people continue to connect each week, but we're also seeing God use the online environment to grow community and the prayer life of Tab.

So, let's all use wisdom and make the best choice for ourselves and loved ones. We're committed to pushing through boundaries to share God's story, whether those boundaries are physical or digital! We'll meet you where you are!

Please continue to pray for our church, our leadership, and those who govern us.

It's been a challenging season, and I so much appreciate the grace you've shown me as I learn how to lead. One thing I do know, God's Word holds true in *every* season, so here's what we have to look forward to:

"Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us- to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

Praise God! I sure do love being your pastor!

Craig