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From: SNEC Administrative Committee

To: All Entities throughout SNEC

**SUBJ: COVID-19 UPDATE #2**

Ref. COVID-19 Update #1 dated 03 March 2020

The following is guidance given to all entities throughout the Southern New England Conference.

The situation concerning the COVID-19 is being continually monitored through information provided by government agencies, health agencies, and other Adventist church entities. During this work week the governors in the three states of our conference have declared states of emergency. This has allowed the governors to affect planning and potential programs at their executive levels. But substantively their guidance through the state health departments has not changed in the past week.

The guidance for people attending any event to continue to use the same common sense we would employ during the cold and flu season. COVID-19 mostly affects the respiratory system. Thus, members who have pre-existing respiratory conditions ought to show caution gathering with large numbers of people.

Each local church board can determine its own course in regard to worship services and scheduled events. Our superintendent of Schools is communicating with the local principals to monitor the situation in the schools. Groups going to Camp Winnekeag can choose to cancel their events without financial penalty. At the local church level ensuring that church restrooms and kitchens are well stocked with paper towels, hand soap, and hot water will be helpful.

The situation concerning COVID-19 will continue to be monitored and updates will be given as necessary.

May the Lord bless you.

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By direction