



Zion Theological Seminary COVID-19 Response Updates and Guidance

Current scientific and medical evidence shows that preventive public health measures are vastly more effective than those that are reactive. At Zion Theological Seminary (ZTS), we are committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of our ZTS community, including students, faculty and staff.

Postponing On-Site Visits

All visitors to campus are expected to adhere to the same guidelines as our campus community. Due to the number of cases of COVID-19 in the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, we are postponing all visits to campus until at least the end of June 2020. This guidance will be updated based on recommendations from the CDC.

Impact of COVID-19 on ZTS Operations

On March 30, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia issued an Executive Order stating that all individuals must remain in their place of residence, except under specific conditions. Furthermore, all public and private in-person gatherings of more than ten individuals are prohibited, and institutions of higher education have ceased all in-person classes and instruction, cancelled all gatherings of more than ten individuals, and have instituted remote learning in order to follow social distancing guidelines. In order to ensure compliance with these guidelines, we have urged all students, faculty and staff to stay home. This will facilitate and support public health officials' advice to maximize social distancing by all means necessary. Our overall goal during this crucial time is to protect our students, faculty and staff.

Impact on Faculty and Staff

We have asked our faculty and staff to continue to work from home during this time, in accordance with the guidelines mentioned above. No faculty or staff have been let go during this time.

Impact on Student Instruction

All students have made the full transition to receive online instruction. All classes are now taught virtually using the Zoom platform. Homework and Exams are also submitted electronically.

Daily Self-Monitoring

We have asked all students, faculty and staff to self-monitor daily and take the necessary precautions regarding their health and safety. This includes taking their temperature daily and watch for possible symptoms of COVID-19 (according to the CDC).