

FFWPU USA: Addressing the situation with GPA regarding COVID-19 infections

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Dear families,

Thank you for your dedication in attending God, True Parents and your community. I am writing to inform you that last week we found out that a large number of GPA participants have tested positive for COVID-19. We have been in daily communication with GPA staff to stay on top of the situation and to address the various serious concerns that have come up related to this incident. As community leaders, we wanted to let you know what we have found so far, and how we are addressing the situation.

On December 22, prior to returning home, 110 GPA participants gathered for a 1-day workshop in Missouri to conclude the year. Participants were advised to follow their respective home states' protocols upon returning home.

Participants' parents were also advised to have their children tested upon returning home.

GPA staff then began receiving notifications from some participants that they had tested positive for COVID-19.

GPA staff promptly contacted all participants and their parents to inform them of the situation and have continued to communicate with them.

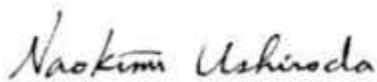
GPA staff created a COVID Task Force, including 2 medical professionals - a nurse who is working directly with COVID patients and a medical doctor who is available for questions, who specializes in infectious diseases and has worked with the CDC for several years - as well as GPA Staff, Family Federation Headquarters Staff, and members of the GPA Parents Association.

Any participant who tested positive for COVID-19 was advised to have all of their family members tested and to quarantine for 14 days per CDC guidance.

GPA is maintaining daily communication with participants and emailing parents regarding immediate plans and upcoming developments.

I sincerely regret that this happened. The safety of our GPA members and their families are a top priority, and we have therefore decided to suspend all in person group gatherings for GPA until further notice. Instead, we will be continuing the program virtually for the foreseeable future. Let us continue to pray together as a community, support each other, and care for the families at this time. Thank you and may God continue to Bless you and your community.

Sincerely,



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