

Faith Principles During COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak Havok, disrupting lives and fueling anxiety. During this time, we must continue to remind our elected leaders at the local, state and national level of their responsibility to act swiftly, with care and compassion, as they address the pandemic and its economic repercussions. To this end, the faith community has put together the following principles that must be considered in any legislation, policy or governmental decisions that address the COVID-19 crisis:

- Ensure accessible and affordable testing and treatment for the Coronavirus, regardless of income, location, disability, or immigration status.
- Ensure all have the support they need to take sick leave and care for family members without risking their jobs or their paychecks.
- Ensure low-income workers and individuals who are economically at risk have the assistance they need to put food on the table and provide for their families.
- Give special care and attention to individuals at increased risk of infection, including individuals in prison, immigrants and children in detention, in long-term care facilities, and those that are homeless.
- Economic stimulus measures should focus first on low-income and vulnerable communities. Such interventions also have the strongest economic impact. Any bailouts and emergency assistance for major industries and businesses must be paired with comparable assistance for economically at-risk workers and vulnerable individuals.