As the country itself is in uncertain times, all is well here at Valley Baptist Retreat & Cone Oasis. Hidalgo and Cameron Counties have taken quick measures to keep the number of cases here in South Texas to a minimum. We welcome anyone to stop by and see the steps we have taken to mitigate Covid-19 on our campuses. Through this season we have made many improvements at

Valley Baptist Retreat.

We have not only been working in the orchard, but also strategically cleaning and sanitizing each facility daily. We have changed our plastic utensil dispensers in the cafeteria by purchasing a touch-less system. We have also placed hand sanitizer stands throughout the cafeterias. We added touch less faucets to our hand washing stations in our kitchens. To improve a safe environment in our cafeterias, we will now have designated servers at the fountain drink areas and waffle stations. Our guests will no longer have access to handle this equipment, thus making it safer for everyone on our
campuses. We have always sanitized all the tables and chairs after each meal, and we will continue to that. All of our dorms now have sanitizing soap dispensers and hands-free paper towel dispensers mounted at all sink stations as well as in all restrooms accessible to our guests around the camp. We have always sanitized all the beds and mattresses after each group leaves and we will continue to that as well.

Our goal has always been to provide a clean and safe environment for our guests. About 3 years ago our board of directors had dehumidifiers installed in each building on both campuses to help keep the moisture out of the air. Not only does it help keep our HVAC systems running efficiently, but it also helps to cause all mildew, mold, and fungi to die or go dormant. In addition to the dehumidifiers being installed, each building has also been equipped with air purifier scrubber machines in the HVAC system.

These air scrubbers are more than just an ordinary air purifier. Here is a brief description of what we have invested in 3 years ago to provide the safest environment for our guests.

Aerus® technology is an ozone free process that uses minute amounts of hydrogen peroxide gas to disinfect viruses, bacteria, mold and other fungi. Aerus® technology Infection Control Technology works by producing 0.02 ppm (parts per million) of hydrogen peroxide gas from oxygen and water vapor in the air. Hydrogen peroxide gas is odorless and colorless and is undetectable by the human nose.

Aerus® technology has been proven to sanitize air ducts, disinfect viruses and bacteria in the air and disinfect surfaces contaminated with viruses, bacteria and mold. Aerus® technology first sanitizes the air ducts, then sanitizes the air and exposed surfaces in the protected area and, finally, aggressively diffuses into every area that air can penetrate. Aerus® technology units are self-regulating. They will never produce over 0.02ppm of hydrogen peroxide gas in the treated area. (0.02ppm of hydrogen peroxide gas is just 1/50th of the amount OSHA deems safe for inhalation) Aerus®
technology is safe for humans and pets and is the newest cutting-edge technology in combating viruses, bacteria, and mold.

Aerus® technology was developed in the United States for NASA and used by the Astronauts in the space shuttle program.

Aerus® ActivePure technology air purifier kills COVID-19 on surfaces in lab results. Aerus® ActivePure air and surface purifier provides 99.98% SARS-CoV-2 surface reduction rate in controlled, independent laboratory Studies.

Here at Valley Baptist Retreat & Cone Oasis Baptist Camp, we are attempting to use all tools available to us to ensure a safe environment for our campers.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please reach out to Karl Johnson at 956-659-5254.