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In response to messages from the episcopate and clergy regarding restrictions being introduced by the authorities in the United States – and other nations where the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia maintains a presence – in these days of global outbreak of the Coronavirus infection, I call on the ruling bishops to require of their subordinate clergy and lay parish officers to diligently observe their local governments' restrictive measures and the recommendations of medical and health services.



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