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City Mission Takes Precautions to Protect Vulnerable Population

City Mission is taking precautions to protect our vulnerable population of residents and to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. This has been a very difficult decision, and we have consulted with Centerville Clinics, the Washington Hospital, and the County Health Department before taking the below actions.

“We’ve been working on a plan for weeks,” said Brian Johansson, City Mission’s Chief Operating Officer. “We are being proactive and cautious.”

As of Saturday, March 14th, 2020, City Mission will pause the following operations for the next 30 days or until it becomes appropriate to resume them:

City Mission programs on hold:

- Volunteer programs at 84 W. Wheeling, main City Mission campus, and donation center, 1000 Sheffield St, Washington (see below specific to Thrift Store Volunteers)
- Community: chapel and group meetings (AA, NA, etc), and career training services
- Samaritan Care – Food Pantry, please see below of meal services still being offered
- Campus Tours
- Cold Weather Shelter

Services adjusted for mitigation:

- Meal Services:

A boxed lunch and dinner will be handed out to our community members in need. These meals will be given out at the door of 58 W. Strawberry Lane, Washington. Check citymission.org or entrance doors for meal times. Due to the paused services of our Samaritan care center, we encourage those in need to use our meal services. At the current Samaritan Care Center door, Thursdays will be designated day for pre-packed food bags will be distributed from 1 pm to 3 pm.

- Residents’ travel:

Residents will be required, for non-essential travel, to stay in the City Of Washington during the 30-day time period to avoid potential exposure to the virus and keep all residents safe. Any resident, showing signs of the virus or believes they may have been in contact with someone suspected of having the virus, do have access to testing at Centerville Clinics and plans are in place to contain tested and infected individuals.

- Donations

We need your support now more than ever to continue to care of our vulnerable population. Donations will continue to be accepted off the main City Mission campus. Please continue to either mail donations to 84 W Wheeling St, Washington or online at citymission.org. Clothing and Shoes donations will be accepted at our warehouse at 1000 Sheffield St, Washington or our seven thrift stores

- Current Thrift Store Volunteers will continue

- New Resident Intakes:

Beginning Saturday, March 14, 2020, we will not be accepting new residents into our shelter. Referrals efforts will be made to help those during this time.

All services on City Mission's campus for its current residents will continue.

"Our Medical Clinic Director, Dr. Dan Lattanzi, has been in close coordination with UPMC, Washington Hospital, the Washington County Health Department, and the Centerville Clinics to coordinate our response to the potential spread of the virus," explained City Mission's President/CEO, Dean Gartland. "We are prepared and constantly monitoring as new information comes in."

We appreciate your understanding as we take these precautions to protect not only our residents, but also the entire community during this difficult time. Please note that this plan can change as new information arises. We will provide any updates as soon as possible on our social media and website. Please join us in prayer and thank you again for your continued support and compassion for the work of City Mission.