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City Mission Updates Coronavirus Mitigation Plan

City Mission continuously updates its Coronavirus mitigation plans to reflect the newest information possible from the CDC, state regulators, and our medical partners. With a laser focus on keeping everyone safe and by the Grace of God, City Mission has stayed Coronavirus-free up to this point. As the virus increases and impacts lives in our area, we know you have questions on what City Mission is doing to help the community while keeping everyone safe. Here is a summary of our most recent updates to our coronavirus mitigation plans:

New resident intake:

Following a strict set of safety procedures worked out with our medical partners, we are continuing to take those in need into our program. Our process keeps our new intakes in a self-contained area for further evaluations, before joining the rest of our residents, which has proven to keep everyone safe.

Cold Weather Shelter:

We are getting into the season where it can be dangerous for the homeless as temperatures drop below freezing. City Mission provides a safe haven from the cold and attends to other needs such as food and clean, warm clothes through the Cold Weather Shelter. We take temperatures of all guests and provide a separate, self-contained area for sleeping. After this initial step, we hope that many of the guests in our Cold Weather Shelter will be able to enter our residential program and take advantage of the full scope of our services.

Current City Mission Residents:

City Mission looks to keep our vulnerable population safe during this pandemic. We continue to embrace virtual meetings, doctor's appointments, and other services whenever possible. Onsite resident only meetings are available, so no interruption in support occurs. In order to limit potential virus exposure, we have paused resident weekend passes as well as holiday passes. Social Distancing and face masks continue to be observed on campus, for both residents and staff.

Volunteers:

As a precaution to keep everyone safe, we have paused volunteering opportunities on City Mission campus. This means we do not have on campus holiday volunteer opportunities as we have had in the past. However, we are still accepting volunteers at our warehouse and thrift stores, where 100% of profits help the homeless. Please continue to check back with us to offer your time and talents as procedures continue to stay fluid around current Coronavirus information. We appreciate the work of our volunteers and look forward to seeing you again as soon as it is safe to do so.

Meal Service:

Community Meals will still be served as boxed lunches and dinners at our dining hall door on 56 Strawberry Lane. Residents continue to follow the modifications made in March for eating in our dining hall. For the holidays, we will still be serving our wonderful holiday style meals, which for Thanksgiving will begin on Saturday, November 21. We

are taking the extra precaution to continue serving our boxed meals for the community. Our Samaritan Care Food Pantry distributes pantry food item bags to those in need on Thursdays from 10am to 3pm at the Samaritan Care door.

Outside groups for tours and meetings:

Tours of our facilities are paused at this time to ensure safety for both residents and visitors. With a focus on safety we are continuing to pause outside meetings in our facilities such as AA and NA meetings.

City Mission Thrift Stores:

Six City Mission thrift stores are open. Washington, Rostraver, Waynesburg, Belle Vernon, and North Strabane locations are open Monday through Saturday 9am – 7pm. Canonsburg is open Monday through Friday 9am – 7pm and Saturday 9am – 5pm. Our store location in Monongahela is in the process of relocating. More to come on its new location in 2021. If you have already visited our stores, you have seen the precautions we have put into place to keep our shoppers and staff safe. We look forward to seeing you out there “Thrifting with a Purpose” to support City Mission.

Clothing and Shoes Donations:

Donations are being accepted at all of our stores during open hours and at our warehouse at 1000 Sheffield St., Washington, Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm. With proper precautions, we are resuming large item donation pickup. Call us at 724-222-8530 for details and schedule a pickup.

City Mission will provide updates as more information becomes available. Our focus continues to be on keeping everyone safe during these challenging and changing times.

With the blessings of our extended community and God’s Grace, City Mission has continued to help our neighbors in need. You are the reason we have been able to keep our doors open through these hard times. The virus is not over yet, and the need continues to grow, so we appreciate your continued support. Want to know more or give what you can now? Visit us at www.citymission.org . THANK YOU and God Bless!

About City Mission: For over 75 years, City Mission has sheltered, healed, and restored the homeless to independent living—without discrimination. City Mission’s comprehensive program addresses both short-term needs like food and shelter, and long-term needs, including drug and alcohol counseling, mental health and medical treatment, legal aid, and employment training. City Mission’s goal is to help each man, woman, mother with children, or veteran who walks through our doors to become a healthy, productive member of society. With your help, we can help our residents renew their lives.