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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, the staff, residents, and Board of Directors at City Mission are working together to maintain everyone's health and well-being during this difficult time. As restrictions in Pennsylvania are slowly being lifted, we know you have questions about what City Mission is doing to help the community while continuing to keep 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 including temperature checks, before joining the rest of our residents, which has proven to be very effective.

Current City Mission Residents:

City Mission looks to keep our vulnerable population safe during this pandemic. Vaccinations were made available in March for all staff and residents thanks to Curtis Pharmacy and Centerville Clinics. 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. Residents who have been vaccinated are able to attend outside meetings and treatment and may resume weekend 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 are continuing to pause volunteering opportunities on City Mission campus. However, we are still accepting volunteers at our warehouse and thrift stores, where 100% of profits help the homeless. Currently, our target date to fully re-open volunteering in all areas is May 17. We will provide more details at that time. 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. Precautions are still in place for resident meals, but mealtimes have returned to normal. Our Samaritan Care Food Pantry distributes pantry food items to those in need on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3pm. Guests to our Samaritan Care food pantry must continue to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Outside groups for tours and meetings:

Tours of our facilities have resumed with precautions, including masks. Please call 724-222-8530 if you would like to schedule a tour. 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 the

coming months. 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 have resumed large item donation pickup. Call us at 724-222-8530 for details and to 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.