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City Mission Updates COVID-19 Mitigation Plan for Face Masks

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 focus on keeping everyone safe, City Mission has taken the latest information available to update guidelines for all staff, volunteers, and residents in regards to wearing a face mask.

Starting today August 5, 2021, face masks will be required for all staff, volunteers, and residents inside City Mission facilities including campus, stores, and vocational training center/warehouse. At this time, we also continue to ask everyone to monitor their social distancing in indoor spaces, along with required face masks, doing as much as possible to maintain a healthy environment during this challenging time.

We know the continued updates, as this pandemic continues, requires our plan to be fluid, and we understand this has been difficult. We thank all of our volunteers, residents, staff, and surrounding community for their continued support and understanding with our mitigation process to keep everyone as safe as possible.

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. City Mission continues to have partnerships with area partners to provide vaccinations to those not already vaccinated. We will continue to monitor new residents for health concerns as we have always done to keep our new residents and current residents safe.

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. Our campus is now open to outside organization holding meetings at our facilities to further support our residents and community. We are no longer pausing resident weekend passes. However safety is top of mind for our residents living here, so we require everyone to wear face masks indoors as stated above and ask to social distance.

Volunteers:

In May we were excited to open up again volunteering opportunities at City Mission and will maintain staying open as long as required face masks plans are followed. Our biggest need for volunteers at this time is 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 more opportunities continue to be become available for individuals and groups of 10 or less. Online you will find our latest opportunities: <https://events.civicchamps.com/organizations/2670/opportunities> . We appreciate the work of our volunteers and look forward to seeing you continue to support City Mission!

Meal Service:

City Mission welcomes back community and resident meals to enjoy inside our dining hall on 56 Strawberry Lane. We are taking the extra precaution to continue serving our meals for the community by following CDC and Health department guidelines at all times by ask while not eating face mask are worn. Our Samaritan Care Food Pantry continues to offer those in need to visit inside and fill their pantry bags on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm at the Samaritan Care door.

Outside groups for tours and meetings:

Tours of our facilities are open at this time. With a focus on safety we are continuing to ask visitors in our facilities to practice social distancing and wear face masks.

City Mission Thrift Stores:

Seven City Mission thrift stores are open. Washington, Rostraver, Waynesburg, Monongahela, 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. 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 will require store staff and volunteers to wear masks and ask our customers do the same.

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 pick up. Call us at 724-705-7128 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. As our community needs continue to grow, 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.