

A message from our CEO:

We are very appreciative that our staff and volunteers remain committed to helping us serve those in need during this COVID-19 crisis. Although some partners have had to reduce their on-site hours at Transitions for the near future, we are currently able to maintain most of the programs and services needed by those men and women who are homeless and either residents of Transitions or non-resident day users. Our 260 beds are full and we are poignantly aware that those 260 residents and the 90-95 day center guests we receive each day, will have no place to go if we close or turn them away. So, we are working very hard to continue with our mission of providing a safe and secure place for homeless men and women as they work to secure permanent and stable housing.

Since all of our classes are less than 50 people, we will continue to offer those unless the volunteer class instructor asks to have the class temporarily stopped. In addition, we wanted to share with you, our friends and supporters, the steps we are taking to ensure the ongoing safety and health of our client, staff and volunteers:

1. We have increased the frequency with which all common areas are sanitized and cleaned each day,
2. We will provide masks to staff and clients where those seem necessary or are requested,
3. There are several new hand sanitizer stations throughout the facility and all staff and clients are being educated and reminded to wash their hands with soap and water frequently throughout the day,
4. We have taken steps to maximize space between the faces of clients when they are in bed, so they are as far from another person as possible,
5. Clients will be permitted to remain in their dorm room if they are feeling unwell or want to simply be away from others, and
6. We have temporarily stopped volunteer orientation tours.

In addition to these changes, we are looking at doing lunch and dinner in shifts to reduce numbers in the lines and in the Day Center, and case managers have begun meeting with clients in outdoor "office" space rather than in the closed consultation rooms they traditionally use.

We will continue to follow CDC recommendations and guidelines and to do everything we can to keep our homeless clients safe and healthy. And we continue to pray for the health of our supporters, volunteers, staff, business and community leaders as we work together to navigate through this new challenge. Your support and prayers are most welcome.

Yours in Service,

Craig Currey, CEO

Transitions Homeless Center