



From Your Team at The Center for Respite Care

You make the mission happen! Thank you to our donors, volunteers, and community partners, for your support and understanding during this challenging time. Here are some updates regarding the Center for Respite Care's negotiating the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Center is designated as an essential service in that we treat people experiencing homelessness who are ill and have no other place to recover. As such, we remain in full operation and continue our mission to our clients.

We have elevated the safety/hygiene measures that were already in place and provide ongoing information for staff and clients about staying safe in and out of the Center – most notably, wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, frequent handwashing and carrying hand sanitizer when out in the community. Clients only leave the facility for approved essential medical appointments. Their temperatures are taken upon return and all staff members have their temperatures taken at the beginning of their shift. Clients and staff members are tested weekly for the COVID-19 virus.

Our state licensure requires that two rooms be set aside for observation and quarantine of individuals exhibiting symptoms and/or test positive for the corona virus. Should we, in the unlikely event, have a client with a confirmed case, we will take additional precautions that could include suspending new admissions and/or further quarantine and, lockdown.

The most recent development has been being able to offer the vaccine to clients and staff. 100% of the Center's clients opted to be vaccinated.

The Center has been accepting new clients as beds become available. Admission criteria has been expanded due to the health crisis. All potential clients must be referred by a hospital. They must have tested negative within the past 48 hours and must agree to a quarantine period upon arrival.

While we cannot yet have guests on the medical unit, our volunteers remain a vital part of the team. We are so thankful for the ongoing volunteer provided meal program and for grocery gift cards to purchase hard-to-get perishable commodities. Thanks also for donations of Wish-List articles, and items for client activities like bingo prizes and art supplies!