



Communication re: COVID-19 Prevention  
March 13, 2020

The Addiction Healing Center at the Westminster Rescue Mission supports public health efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In keeping with the guidelines provided by the CDC and recommended by Maryland state and local health departments, and in an effort to protect the health and safety of our residents, employees, and the community we serve, the Mission will alter or temporarily suspend operations in the following ways:

- **Addiction Healing Center:**
  - Intake for clients seeking treatment is currently suspended March 14<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Visitors and volunteers will not be admitted to buildings on the campus.
  - Current residents will not be going to offsite meetings or appointments unless medically necessary.
  - Protocols are in place for responding to any related symptoms experienced by clients.
  - Measures in-line with CDC guidelines and our CARF accreditation continue to be taken to sanitize our campus and maintain safe health conditions.
- **Sparrow's Nest Food Pantry:**
  - Food will be boxed and distributed outside of the pantry, by appointment only, from 9am – 12pm Monday through Thursday.
  - Every effort will be made to continue to safely collect and distribute food locally, to the extent possible.
- **Mission Store**
  - The store will be closed March 14<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Donations will not be accepted onsite between March 14<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>
- Staff will report to work to continue to serve individuals currently in the program, being careful to take precautions and to follow CDC guidelines to help prevent the spread of the virus. Staff will not be attending offsite meetings. Any staff experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 should remain at home.

We take these measures, not out of fear, but out of prudence and in an effort to love our neighbors as ourselves. “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)