



People  
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# GUEST DIGEST

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## Justice For George Floyd

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As you probably know, George Floyd, an unarmed Black man, was killed by a White police officer on Monday at 38th Street and Chicago Ave in south Minneapolis. This is yet another killing of a Black person in our community; George Floyd would be alive today but for the officers' callousness and utter lack of regard for his humanity. **It is outrageous. It is painful. And it is wrong.**

Coronavirus is devastating African American and Native American communities across the country. In Minnesota, communities of color are harder hit by this virus - **further exposing disparities caused by the systemic racism and inequity** that have flourished and indeed been nurtured in our community for many years. It is outrageous. It is painful. And it is wrong.

These are some of the reasons why racial equity is at the center of our work at People Serving People. We acknowledge the pain that many carry every day and these last days in particular. We may feel anger, despair, hopeless, and powerless in the face of these tragedies. Check in on each other, hug your children and loved ones a bit longer, stay safe. In our organization, we continue to work to create change - big and small. **People Serving People is resolute in this commitment to you and the community.**

# COVID-19

## COVID-19 Cases in Shelter

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On Friday May 22nd we were notified that two families residing in our shelter facility have tested positive for COVID-19. These are still the only two families in our facility that have tested positive. The families who tested positive for COVID-19 were moved from the shelter to the isolation site the very same day. We sanitized and decontaminated the route they took when they exited the building, and they'll remain offsite until they're cleared by doctors to return. We are not sharing their identity or room numbers to protect their privacy.

People Serving People is prepared to continue to keep families healthy and safe and will work to prevent the virus from spreading further. Many of the steps that we have taken and will continue to do include:

- Closing groups until further notice
- Closing playground
- Meal delivery to rooms
- Frequent cleaning of highly touched surfaces
- Usage of Masks/PPE (personal protective equipment)
- Social Distancing
- Changes to Head to Toe

## COVID-19 Testing

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As a result of the positive cases of COVID-19, People Serving People's Leadership Team is working on testing for COVID-19 on a large scale at our shelter. There is no set date yet for this, and we are currently working to make this available. This is yet another of our preventative strategies to help keep our families healthy and safe. This service will not be mandatory, but encouraged. We will give out more information on this with dates for testing in the near future.

## Back To "Normal" Yet?

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As the state turns the dial back, patios and barbershops reopen, you might be asking yourself this question about when we'll be back to "normal". There is no going back to the way things were in March or even to the way things were in May. Every minute and day, we create a 'new normal' and say goodbye to the moments that came before. Kind of frustrating, right? We're with you. And while we know that back to normal doesn't exist, here's what we do know - our planning has been and will stay rooted in the science, transmission levels, guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health - and our values.

For now, let us know: What you want to know more about? What questions do you have? You can go online to <https://www.peopleservingpeople.org/covid-shelter-faq/> and submit your question.

## Masks

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PSP is highly encouraging the use of masks and social distancing.

**We now have masks that are available for you to request at the front desk.**

If you haven't already, you will be required to sign a waiver before receiving a mask.



## Message from the Clinic

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Clinic staff is currently limited, so please call first. If you have questions regarding COVID-19 or have symptoms and would like to request a test, please call either of the numbers listed here.

612.396.6157 (please call first)

Mon & Wed · 9am – 4pm

Tues, Thurs, Fri · 9am – 12 noon

After hours: Healthcare for the Homeless

612.348.5553 7am – 10pm daily

### Symptoms of COVID-19

- 1) Cough
- 2) Fever
- 3) Tiredness
- 4) Difficulty breathing (severe cases)



## Please Remember Social Distancing

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