



People  
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# GUEST DIGEST

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## Justice For George Floyd



Dear People Serving People Families

In the wake of the severe racial injustices playing out in Minneapolis and the existing inequities surrounding COVID-19, People Serving People is continuing to support families experiencing crisis in our community.

This is an extremely difficult time for families in our downtown Minneapolis shelter. In addition to struggling with the realities of experiencing homelessness and the COVID-19 pandemic, families and staff are now dealing with the violent death of a community member. George Floyd, an unarmed Black man, was killed by police while handcuffed on the ground on Monday, May 25, in south Minneapolis. This is just one of several other widely reported incidents of racism in our country since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we cope with the aftermath of these targeted acts of violence against our Black communities, we're also facing down a pandemic. COVID-19 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.

As Minnesota's largest shelter for families experiencing homelessness and other instabilities, racial equity is at the center of our work at People Serving People. We acknowledge that our community may feel anger, despair, hopeless, and powerless in the face of these tragedies. In our work as an organization, we will work to create change - small and systemic. We remain resolute in this commitment to our families, staff, and the community.

Sincerely,

Karen Kepler, People Serving People Inc. Board Chair



## 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.

## 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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HELP KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE FROM COVID-19

# COVID-19 Testing Opportunity



**We invite everyone at People Serving People to be tested for COVID-19.**

**Guests are not required to participate.**

This is a preventive action that we can all take to help each other stay free from the virus.

Testing staff will be going door-to-door. If you would like to be tested, please be in your room during your floor's scheduled time.

**Floors 7-10**  
**Monday, June 8**  
**noon to 4pm**

**Floors 4-6**  
**Wednesday, June 10**  
**9am to 1pm**

Please fill out one form for each family member and bring them to the front desk by the deadline for your testing period.

**Form deadline for Floors 7-10 >> 11:30am, Friday, June 5**

**Form deadline for Floors 4-6 >> 11:30am, Monday, June 8**

If you miss the testing time and still want to be tested, please connect with the front desk.

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