



People
Serving
People

GUEST DIGEST

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COVID-19 Case In Shelter

Yesterday we learned that a staff member in our Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP) has tested positive for COVID-19. We've been communicating with the staff member, who is feeling better and quarantining at home, along with the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Education. We're not sharing our staff member's identity to protect their privacy. We've also learned that four families here at the shelter may also have been exposed through their kiddos' enrollment in ECDP, and we've engaged them along with our partners in the Clinic to discuss next steps. This is the only known case at this time, while others may have been exposed that doesn't guarantee a positive case.

We've fully decontaminated the areas where the positive person was working and we've sanitized all high-touch surfaces in the building. If a family residing at People Serving People were to test positive, we have an action plan in place to move them to an isolation site outside of the shelter and a process for decontamination.

Please don't forget that you are the best defense against spreading COVID-19 or any other illness, and that masking up, washing your hands and practicing social distancing is an act of community and care for others.

If you begin experiencing any of the following symptoms, please see the Clinic or your medical provider right away. Thank you!



Minnesota COVID-19 Cases

Minnesota and some other northern states are reporting more growth in COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks than southern and western states hard-hit by the pandemic this summer. Minnesota's average daily count of new lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases has increased 11% over the past two weeks while daily counts have declined 24% in Arizona and 16% in Texas. Minnesota's positivity rate also has risen from 3% in mid-June to more than 5% – an important threshold for whether states have manageable situations or excessive growth in COVID-19 cases.



Back To School

Most schools start September 8th and we're excited!

We can immediately enroll your child into a school if they aren't already registered, there are many options to choose from. We can provide each student with a new backpack and school supplies. We also want to make sure all students doing distance learning get Chrome Books or iPads and hot spots from their schools.



Please call or text Margo at 612-290-2061 M-F for enrollment and supply requests. I'll also be coming around to check in with everyone in case you have any questions or concerns.



Minneapolis and St. Paul District Schools will start the year with Distance Learning. We will transition to in-person learning once the rates of COVID-19 cases decrease in the community. Parents will always have the choice to keep students on distance learning from home if you feel that is the safest option for your family.



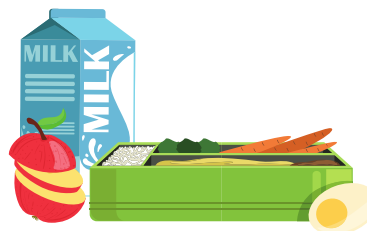
Meals

PSP serves meals during the following times

Breakfast: 7:45-8:45

Lunch: 11:45-12:45

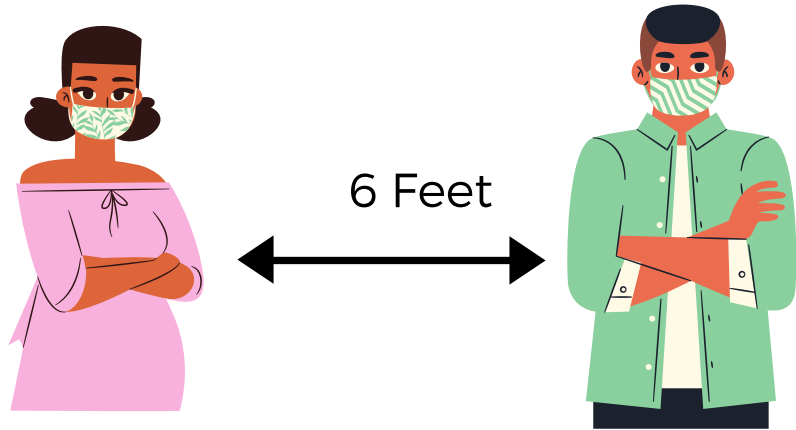
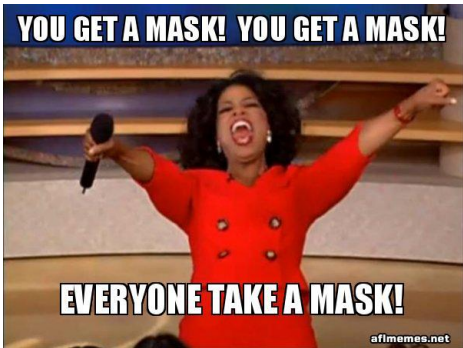
Dinner: 4:30-5:30



You do have to be in your rooms during this time to receive a meal. Due to safety and health concerns we are unable to leave meals in rooms.

Masks

We have lots of cloth masks! These are currently available at the front desk and on the donations table on the second floor!



Message from the Clinic

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. The clinic can now test for COVID-19. 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)

Your Voice Matters

Take a short survey and receive \$5 gift card

Hennepin County receives funding from the State of Minnesota to help prevent families from entering shelter. You are invited to participate a in survey to share what services or assistance would have prevented your family from entering shelter.

Surveys are 10-15 min in length and participates will receive a \$5 Target gift card (one per family).

Surveys will be conducted by Advocate Jaisy
from August 6th- August 14
You may see any advocate to schedule your survey time.

Elevator Distancing

- Please practice social distancing if possible
- Avoid overcrowding the elevator. Try riding the elevator with just your family.
 - Do not touch your face after contact with elevator buttons (wash hands or sanitize after touching)
 - Do not lean on walls

