

GUEST DIGEST

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Daunte Wright

On Sunday April 11th, Daunte Wright, a 20 year old Black man, was shot and killed by a police officer in Brooklyn Center. This is yet another killing of a Black person in our community—a community who is still waiting for justice for the murder of George Floyd with the Derek Chauvin murder trial currently underway—a community who is now experiencing new trauma on top of unresolved trauma from last summer.

Today we hold up the family of Daunte Wright and all those grieving his death. We are taking time to mourn with our community at the wrongful taking of another Black life. We stand alongside our changemakers, champions and families as we continue to work towards a more just future. 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.

Message From People Serving People

Dear People Serving People Guests,

Over the last year, families who got sick with COVID-19 were able to isolate and quarantine at hotel sites. People Serving People operated the family isolation & quarantine (I/Q) hotel for many months. We did this safely, with no transmission in our six months operating the hotel. And we've been fortunate that rates of family illness have been very low. In the last four months, we have only had one family test positive for COVID-19.

We are writing to share that starting May 1, we will serve families that test positive for COVID-19 here at People Serving People's shelter. We are equipped to do this more safely than at any point in the last year. This will require us to maintain our excellent COVID-19 precautions and mitigation practices.

People Serving People will remain a safe and healthy place for families to shelter and for staff to work. Families that get sick will temporarily move to another floor only for isolation and asked to not leave their rooms. We know from experience that quarantine is hard, so rooms will be equipped with everything needed to isolate in place. Staff from the clinic and People Serving People will help these families safely recover and from spreading the virus.

The pandemic has changed how we do nearly everything over the last year – meals, groups, gatherings – and more changes are likely in the months ahead. We've also learned a whole lot about how to stay healthy and safe – through **wearing masks, keeping social distance, and importantly -- getting vaccinated.** These are all ways to prevent COVID-19 in our community.

On **Wednesday, April 14th at People Serving People, all guests and residents will have another opportunity to get vaccinated.** Over 68% People Serving People staff have gotten vaccinated with minimal side effects. Vaccination is safe and effective!

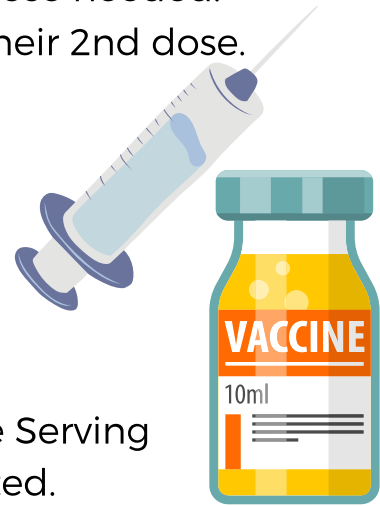
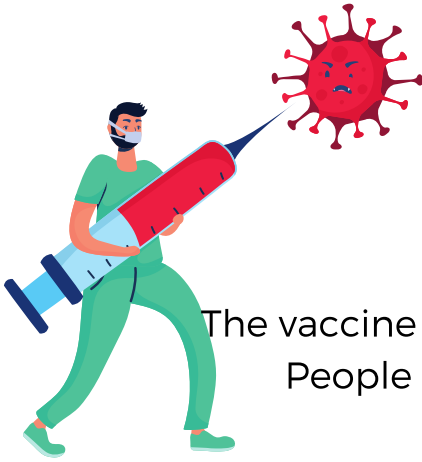
We love having you and your family with us, seeing you, working with you, and caring for your children. You make People Serving People what it is. Your health and safety is our top priority because we want this to continue being a place where you can safely stay to work toward your housing and other goals.

If you have questions or concerns, staff are available to connect with you either in person or through our website at: <https://www.peopleservingpeople.org/shelter-guests/covid-shelter-faq/>

Johnson & Johnson COVID Vaccine

Johnson & Johnson Vaccine now available! Only 1 dose needed.
Moderna Vaccine also available for those who need their 2nd dose.

Wednesday April 14th
1pm-4pm
PSP 2nd Floor



The vaccine is free and will be available to all People Serving People adults age (18+) who want to be vaccinated.

Questions? Please see your advocate or send an email to
Vaccine@peopleservingpeople.org
(No sign up required)

Meals

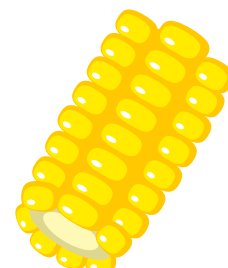
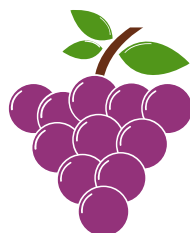
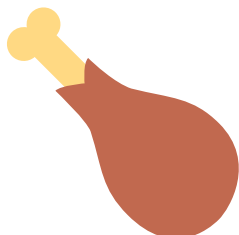
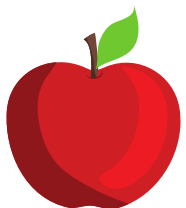
PSP serves meals during the following times

Breakfast: 7:45-8:45
Lunch; 11:45-12:45
Dinner: 4:30-5:30



Due to COVID for the safety & health of staff and families, staff will be maintaining social distance during meal delivery. Food will be placed on a cart for you to retrieve.

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

You do not need to wear a mask in your room, but we encourage you to wear masks in the following situations or any situation where you encounter staff or other families:

- When answering the door for meal delivery
- When dropping kids off at early ed or distance learning or k-5 programming
- When meeting with an advocate
- At linen exchange
- On the elevators
- At the front desk/in the lobby

We have lots of disposable & cloth masks! These are currently available at the front desk, advocacy area 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.

612.332-4500 ext.226 (please call first)

Mon, Tues, Wed • 9am – 4pm

Thurs, Fri • 9am – 12 noon

After hours: Healthcare for the Homeless 612.348.5553

7am – 10pm daily



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.

