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Masks In Shelter

As you may have seen, Minneapolis and Saint Paul have both announced that they're ending their mask mandates. This is another milestone in our recovery from COVID-19, and is the result of widespread, safe, and effective vaccination. If you haven't already been vaccinated, now is a perfect time! You can see the clinic on the first floor to get vaccinated! The Minnesota Department of Health continues to recommend mask use in shelters and schools. Our staff are still required to wear masks and we continue to strongly encourage guests to wear masks as well.

City of Minneapolis and MPD Civil Investigation

The United States Department of Justice has opened a pattern or practice investigation into the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD). The civil investigation will assess three main questions/topic areas:

1. Does the MPD routinely use excessive force?
2. Does the MPD engage in discriminatory policing, including but not limited to on the basis of race?
3. How does the MPD structure their response to calls for those experiencing mental health and/or behavior health issues?

As part of the investigation the Justice Department will conduct a comprehensive review of MPD policies, training and supervision. The department will also examine MPD's systems of accountability, including complaint intake, investigation, review, disposition and discipline.

The Department of Justice will also reach out to community groups and members of the public to learn about their experiences with MPD.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the Justice Department investigating the MPD?

The Justice Department began this investigation partly in response to concerns that the MPD is violating people's civil rights, including those of George Floyd and others in the wake of his murder.

How long is the investigation?

While there is no exact time frame, it is expected to take at least a year for the investigation.

What will happen at the end of the investigation/what will be the end result?

The investigation may result in a "finding" that the MPD uses excessive force, engages in discriminatory policing and/or responds poorly to those experiencing mental and behavioral health issues. A finding may result in a court-supervised agreement between the Justice Department and the MPD with the goal of improving the MPD's policing. If there is no finding, the investigation is considered over.

What is the Department of Justice hoping to learn from the community?

The Department of Justice will be holding 2-on-1 conversations with community members about any specific experiences (positive or negative) that members of the community have had with the MPD that may shed light on the MPD's patterns or practices around use-of-force and discrimination.

How do I set up a meeting to share my feedback and who would I be talking with?

You will be talking with someone from the US Department of Justice and/or someone from the US Attorney's office. You will not be connecting with anyone from the MPD.

You can set up a meeting three ways (listed below). Provide your name, that you are wanting to meet with someone regarding the MPD investigation and multiple ways they can reliably reach back out to you (phone number(s), email address, etc.). It may take a while to receive a response.

1. Call 1-866-432-0268.
2. Email Community.Minneapolis@usdoj.gov
3. Mail: ATTN Ethan Trinh, Special Litigation Section/USDOJ, 150 M. Street NE, Washington DC 20001

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What will happen with the information I share?

Any information you provide will be used to guide the investigation. Information that illustrates good or bad practices may be used in the report accompanying any findings, generally without identifying the source of the information. Interviews are not taken under oath, and it's very unlikely that information provided as part of a pattern and practice investigation could become part of a legal proceeding.

How do I know if the investigators would be interested in my experiences?

If you have any questions about whether your experiences might be of interest to investigators, we encourage you to reach out and ask!

It may be triggering to share and/or relive potentially traumatic events. Choosing to meet with those doing the investigation is completely voluntary. Should you connect with the investigators and need support afterwards, please reach out to Advocates and/or Front Desk staff who can help connect you to resources.

**Starting
6/14!**

K-12 SUMMER PROGRAM

**MONDAY - THURSDAY
DROP OFF: 9AM-10AM
PICK-UP BY 4PM!
CLASSROOMS 213/214**

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING THIS SUMMER?
Each week will have a different theme and activities to go along with it! We'll be doing different crafts, STEM projects, cooking experiences, spending time outside, hanging out with new friends and more!

STOP BY OFFICE 206 TO FILL OUT REGISTRATION PAPERS!

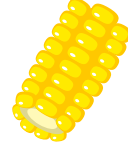
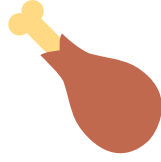
*****REGISTRATION REQUIRED!*****

QUESTIONS? SEE EDUCATION STAFF IN 206

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

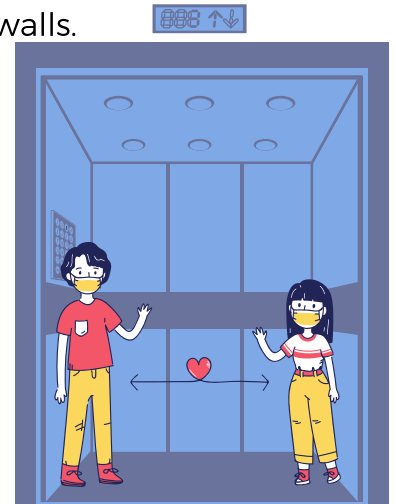
We have lots of disposable & cloth masks! These are currently available at the front desk, advocacy area and on the donations table on the second floor!



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.



Message from the Clinic

If you have questions regarding COVID-19 or have symptoms and would like to request a test. The clinic can test for COVID-19. Please call either of the numbers listed here.

COVID VACCINES NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CLINIC: Please see a clinic staff for more information

Clinic Hours:

Call 612.332-4500 ext.226 or Walk in!

Mon, Tues, Wed · 9am – 4pm

Thurs, Fri · 9am – 12 noon

After hours: Healthcare for the Homeless 612.348.5553 7am – 10pm daily

