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Coronavirus Update and Guidance #2

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This morning, Hopelink's newly formed Coronavirus Response Team (CRT) began meeting to address the spread of COVID-19 ("Coronavirus"), and to ensure we are able to respond quickly to any developments and potential spread of this virus.

Members of the team are Lauren Thomas, Geoff Crump, Meghan Altimore, Jenny Frazier, Anna Michaels, Todd Langton and Corrie Prasek. Safety Manager Corrie Prasek is the main point of contact at cprasek@hopelink.org.

The CRT committee will continue to meet daily, weekly, or as needed.

The committee has determined that we will be following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control www.cdc.gov and King County Public Health www.kingcounty.gov, as well as other local resources.

At Hopelink, we are committed to the following:

- The health and safety of our staff, volunteers, family members, clients and community is our top priority
- We will actively communicate factual information to our staff, volunteers, guests, and when possible, to clients and passengers
- We will work together to ensure that every employee and volunteer understands their role and how they can help
- We will keep our facilities environmentally clean and focused on good hygiene practices
- We will use an equity lens and not discriminate based on false stereotypes
- We will do everything we can to continue to serve clients and vulnerable populations

Known virus facts as of today (March 2)

While much remains to be understood about this virus, current statistics indicate that 80 percent of patients with COVID-19 are likely to have mild symptoms with fever and cough. A much smaller percentage of cases are severe and involve pneumonia, particularly in elderly people and people with underlying medical conditions. The most at-risk are people over 65 with underlying health conditions.

Below are the agency's plans for continued close monitoring of the situation and the decision-making protocols we will use to inform our actions if conditions worsen locally.

Facilities

- Hygiene stations will be set up immediately at each point of entry at all of our centers, transportation bases and housing sites. We are requesting that all staff and visitors use a hygiene station upon entering a Hopelink site
- Meeting rooms – If you are hosting a meeting, you are required to disinfect all tables and common areas before and after the meeting
- Public space – Individuals will be assigned responsibility to disinfect public areas; further guidance and supplies will be available soon