



Local Charity Taking Necessary Precautions

BURNABY, B.C. (Mar. 16) – The Salvation Army across British Columbia is taking precautions and measures to protect staff, volunteers and clients from the spread of COVID-19.

“We are thankful that we have no reported cases in our facilities across B.C.,” says spokesperson Mike Leland. “We are obviously very concerned about the spread of the virus and the potential damage it can do, especially to the vulnerable individuals who we serve - that is why we are continuing our services, while taking every precautionary measure to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers, parishioners and clients.”

Across the province in 56 ministry units, two camps and all Thrift Stores, the following precautionary measures are being taken to ensure the safety of our people and the public:

- Taking extra sanitation measures to clean all surfaces and touch points thoroughly and frequently in all our facilities
- Prepared and updated our Pandemic Plan
- Adjusting services accordingly to reduce the risks, including suspending Church services
- Cancelled all visitation to our seniors’ facilities
- Have our Emergency Disaster Teams at the ready to respond, across the province
- Communicating with our staff and clients on how to prevent and recognize COVID-19
- Working with government agencies, health authorities and community partners to ensure we are implementing best practices

“As one of the largest providers of social services in the province, it is our responsibility to work with government and health authorities to ensure we do our part in containing the virus,” says Leland. “As we navigate these challenging times, our decisions and actions will be guided by evidence-based information published by Vancouver Coastal Health, BC Centre for Disease Control, and the Public Health Agency of Canada.”

Regular and accurate information and updates will be posted on our webpage salvationarmy.ca/britishcolumbia to keep staff, clients and the public updated on our programs and services. Please check with your local Salvation Army for specific information on local activities.

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