

Response to Coronavirus concerns –March 6, 2020

At Homage, we take the health and safety of our staff and community very seriously. We serve over 25,000 older adults and people with disabilities each year who are susceptible to this disease. In addition, 35% of Homage’s staff are over the age of 60 and are also at risk.

In response to the Snohomish County Health Collaborative’s press conference on March 5, 2020, we are following the recommendations to help prevent the spread of coronavirus by implementing these practices:

- In order to reduce the spread of disease among staff, we have implemented a telework protocol for non-essential staff. Our offices will be closed to the public until March 20, at which time we will make a determination on how to proceed. We will maintain business operations by phone to serve our clients. If you or a loved one are in need of services, please call 425-513-1900.
- The Center for Healthy Living will be closed until further notice. Take out meals will be available for clients between the hours of 11a- 1p (please check homage.org for more information)
- Meals on Wheels will continue to operate on usual routes and are providing meals for vulnerable seniors whose senior center’s have closed. Clients have also been supplied with emergency meals for five days.
- Out of an abundance of caution, we have made the decision to postpone Friday evening’s Mardi Gras event for a later date. We will update you when a new date is identified. If you had you been planning to make a gift to Homage on Friday evening and still wish to do so at this time, consider making a donation online at www.homage.org/giving.
- Our DART and TAP busses are operating as usual. Due to a reduced number of travelers, most routes will include only essential and medical appointments. Our bus cleaning schedule has increased to twice daily and all high touch areas will be wiped down with disinfectant several times per day.
- Volunteers have been released until further notice.

We will continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate measures and precautions to protect the health of our clients, staff, volunteers, and supporters in accordance with guidance provided by the health authorities listed below. Please contact them for more updated information.

- [Snohomish Health District](#) (public health district for Snohomish County)
- [Washington State Department of Health](#) (Washington state government)
- Call Center: 1-800-525-0127, then press #
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (U.S. government)