

Thank you for your support during these times of uncertainty with the COVID-19 pandemic. We are working to provide you with updates, given these rapidly changing circumstances and guidance we are receiving from health officials. The health and safety of the people we serve and our staff will remain our priority. At this time, we have not been notified of any diagnosed cases of exposure to COVID-19 at our locations; however, anyone with higher risk based on guidance from health officials should plan to stay home. Read below for important updates about how our service areas are being impacted.

Day Services

- OP Day Services will close on-site services at our five program locations starting Wednesday, March 18 with plans to re-open Monday, March 30. Staff will report to work for planning and possible redeployment to other OP positions or sites for work needs.
 - » Sites closed for persons served starting Wednesday include:
 - » Anoka Service Center – Coon Rapids
 - » Asplin Center – Plymouth
 - » Bren Road Service Center (Retirement Transition/Golden Opportunity and Brain Injury) – Minnetonka
 - » Karlins Center – Plymouth
 - » Koch Campus – Minnetonka
- Managers are in the process of identifying persons served who may not have adequate support during the day when our day programs are closed. We will work with these individuals, guardians and their teams to determine the best plan for their health and safety.

Residential Services

- OP group homes, hoMEbase apartment programs and Semi-Independent Living Services (SILS) will continue operating, although activities and outings may be limited due to health and safety recommendations.
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Employment/Vocational Services

- Penn Station in Bloomington will remain open at this time, including the ThermoKing SETs.
- Our community employment sites and vocational teams will follow the guidance of the business partner where they are located. If the business is staying open, we will continue to operate and coordinate transportation as we do now. SET managers and vocational support staff will connect with persons served and guardians to confirm plans for their ability to work.

Business Partners

- To our valued business partners – the COVID-19 pandemic has brought changes to all businesses and organizations, including ours. What hasn't changed is our commitment to our production customers and community businesses that depend on us every day. YES, our operations are OPEN and actively working to meet your business needs, safely and effectively. Thank you for your continued support. We will keep you up to date on any changes ahead, and if you have questions, please reach out to Bonnie Hagen at 952.930.4201 or bhagen@opportunities.org

As you know, this is a rapidly changing situation so watch for more updates to be emailed out and posted on the OP website. Please reach out to your OP contact person with any specific questions or concerns. Thank you for your support during this time and always – we are stronger together!
