

Dear WARM Place friends,

There is no higher priority than the health and safety of our WARM Place families, community, and employees. We want to assure you that as news about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to evolve, we are monitoring it closely and taking steps to promote wellness and safety. We are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and local/federal government and public agencies to inform our decisions.

As a community partner, we believe it is of the utmost importance to take precautionary measures at this time. We will be extending spring break and cancelling grief support groups for the week of March 16-20. Our Group Directors will continue to provide support through phone calls and intake appointments.

We have also decided to postpone the Race 2 Remember Them, originally scheduled for March 28, 2020. Updates regarding the R2RT will be provided at thewarmplace.org/r2rt.

We are prepared to navigate through these challenging circumstances with you and will keep you informed of any additional steps that we take in the weeks to come. Our hearts go out to all who have been affected by the outbreak of COVID-19.

The CDC recommends the following guidelines to keep you healthy and prevent the spread of the coronavirus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use an alcohol-based sanitizer
- Keep away from others that are sick
- Avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places
- Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.
- Clean and disinfect household objects and surfaces in your home
- Avoid all non-essential travel

According to the CDC, if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider immediately. Your healthcare professional will work with your state's public health department and the CDC to determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19. If you are feeling unwell, we ask that you please take steps to safeguard others and remain at home.

Please refer to the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information and updates and continue to check your email for any future updates from [The WARM Place](http://thewarmplace.org).



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