



# Open Door Mission

Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness and Poverty

Safe Shelter | Feeding the Hungry | Homeless Prevention | Life Changing Programs

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## Steps to Prevent Illness

**Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**

**Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**

**Stay home when you are sick.**

**Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.**

**Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.**

**If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.**

Dear Friend,

Given the rapid acceleration of the COVID-19 situation in the United States and around the world, I have been in much prayer. Thank you for all your emails, calls and text messages asking how you can help. Thank you for all your prayers and concern as the Open Door Mission works to protect our neediest neighbors. As you may know, those experiencing homelessness, living on the streets or in poverty are especially vulnerable to illness due to pre-existing chronic health issues and /or weakened immune systems.

The Open Door Mission team is taking every reasonable measure to resist and prevent the transmission of infectious diseases in our facilities and among those we serve. We are following standard protocols recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) such as sanitizing surfaces like doorknobs, light switches and railings, we are working to make sure guests are washing hands properly, hand sanitizers are in public areas, disposable paper products and silverware are being used to serve meals, awareness signage is in public areas and restrooms, encouraging coughing/sneezing into tissues or shirtsleeves, not touching face, and so much more. Our Free Health and Healing Clinic is remaining open with faithful professional volunteers.

**Every day, Open Door Mission and Lydia House continue to offer 917 safe shelter beds, 4747 meals to feed the hungry, more than 1,000 people access to homeless prevention resources and demonstrate God's love through 40+ programs.**

Please keep us in your prayers and ask the Lord to help us do the great work HE has given us to do while protecting the Open Door Mission team, guests and volunteers from this virus. If you would like to contribute to our precautionary efforts, please make a tax-deductible cash contribution at [www.opendoormission.org](http://www.opendoormission.org) and designate to CARE.

If you would like to donate helpful supplies such as hand sanitizer, isopropyl alcohol, Clorox wipes, Lysol, boxes of tissues, please drop off at any 1 of the 3 Outreach Centers <https://www.opendoormission.org/donate/donate-items/>

We are being diligent, but also remaining calm through this situation. We have full faith and hope in God for the outcome of this situation. Romans 12:12- *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer.*

Thanks for your continued support.

*Candace*