

March 13, 2020

Dear Eagle Ridge Bible Fellowship.

After much deliberation between our Executive Team and our Board Chair **we have decided to end shelter operations immediately**. We are unable to reasonably secure the safety of our church volunteers, our clients or our staff. In the event that a client, a volunteer or a staff member tested positive for Covid19 the ripple effect would be potentially crippling to them and our main operations and the health and safety of our vulnerable residential clients.

We are unable to effectively control intake screening, although we have attempted to. Perhaps equally important; we are unable to secure additional supplies such as N95 rated masks or useful screening kits as well as other safety supplies. The Health Authority at this point is unable to issue anything in the way of directives or contingency plans.

We are also making arrangements to meet and direct our current homeless clients to other local shelter options utilizing our existing pickup point.

I want to assure you that this decision has been well thought through. To reiterate; we are taking all reasonable steps to assure that the clients we normally serve will be directed to shelters that are still operating, well within walking distance of the pick-up point.

We deeply appreciate all the support of stakeholders and host churches, who provided a place for people to come in out of the cold, and the gracious hospitality of each and every volunteer.

In His Service, we remain,

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