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# THE SALVATION ARMY –Abbotsford

## Centre of Hope Updates as of Mar. 26th, 2020



As an organization that has people at the core of our mission, the safety and health of our employees, clients, volunteers and partners is paramount. As one of the largest providers of social services in the province and the country, it is also our responsibility to work with government and health authorities to ensure we do our part in containing the virus.

*The following changes are currently in place at the Centre of Hope until further notice*

### MEAL CENTRE

We are currently serving one community TO-GO style meal per day. **BRUNCH** will be served 11:30am to 12:30pm **DAILY seven days per week.** The grocery cart program is still available Monday to Friday.

**CAFÉ:** Morning coffee service is currently **CLOSED**-we are developing a plan to offer alternatives to this service.

### THRIFT STORE

As a precautionary method, we have decided at this time to close the Thrift Store and DROP OFF DONATIONS. Staff are working to create a brand new look and feel - stay tuned for notices of re-opening.

### DROP-IN SERVICES

The following services are postponed until further notice:

**Laundry and Showers**

**Group meetings or chapel**

**Adult Day Program**

**Pet Food Days**

**Community groups** coming in to prep and/or serve a meal. If you wish to purchase pizza or other types of food from an approved kitchen-restaurant and drop it off to the COH, we will be happy to accept it and serve to the guests.

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### Drop-in services - continued:

**Please contact Reg Burks, Food Services Manager at 604.852.9305 Ext. #104 or #107 or [rburks@sacascade.ca](mailto:rburks@sacascade.ca).**

**Tours of the COH.** If you are interested in booking a tour in the future: **Contact Kim Hissink, Fundraising Coordinator at 604.852.9305 Ext. #138 or [khissink@sacascade.ca](mailto:khissink@sacascade.ca).**

### SHELTER

30 beds are **OPEN** seven days a week. We are providing breakfast, lunch and dinner for shelter guests. In-take starts at 5:30pm daily. We are continuing to provide showers and laundry services for shelter guests only. If you have any questions **please contact Al Breitreuz, Program Manager at 604.852.9305 Ext. #141 or [abreitreuz@sacascade.ca](mailto:abreitreuz@sacascade.ca).**

### MEDICAL CLINIC

The Clinic is open to individuals who are homeless, at risk and vulnerable and use Salvation Army Centre of Hope services (acute cases). A doctor is available the mornings of Tues., Thurs. and Fri. and can correspond with patients through telehealth ( video chat ). **Please contact Angela, LPN at 604-852-9305 Ext. #197 or [amcclelland@sacascade.ca](mailto:amcclelland@sacascade.ca) or contact the front desk where an appointment can be set up.**



## FAMILY SERVICES & EMERGENCY HAMPERS

Single and family hampers are available on an Emergency Basis. For all other services offered through Family Services such as Income Tax and ID or if you have any have questions **Please contact Randy Clayton at 604.852.9305 Ext. #199 or [rclayton@sacascade.ca](mailto:rclayton@sacascade.ca).**

## CAN I STILL VOLUNTEER?

At this time, we are not accepting any new volunteers at the COH. Please go online and complete an application [www.centreofhope.net](http://www.centreofhope.net). If you have questions, please contact: **Sylvia Antonescu – Volunteer Coordinator at [santonescu@sacascade.ca](mailto:santonescu@sacascade.ca)**



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are accepting **financial** donations online at [www.centreofhope.net](http://www.centreofhope.net) over the phone 604.852.9305 or by mail. **We are requesting that donors practice physical distancing at this time and not visit the Centre of Hope in person.**

We ARE accepting donations of **fresh/ frozen** and **non-perishable** items for the Meal Centre and Emergency Pantry. If you would like to donate: please call ahead to make arrangements.

**604.852.9305 - Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm**



## Psalm 91:1 & 2 (NIV)

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will  
rest in the shadow of the Almighty  
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my  
fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

## SUGGESTED RESOURCE Links

<https://salvationarmy.ca/blog/salvation-army-addresses-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<https://salvationist.ca/COVID19/>

<https://salvationist.ca/articles/peace-in-a-time-of-pandemic/>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/>

[https://www.abbotsford.ca/public\\_safety/emergency\\_program/city\\_services\\_update\\_covid\\_19.htm](https://www.abbotsford.ca/public_safety/emergency_program/city_services_update_covid_19.htm)

<http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>