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## COVID-19 Updates and Habitat LA Preventative Measures

Dear friends of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles:

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles' (Habitat LA) is closely monitoring the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and the precautions governments, health organizations, businesses and other international non-governmental organizations continue to take to limit its spread and impact in a growing number of countries.

Our priority is always the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, partners and the people we serve. Our Senior Leadership Team is meeting daily and as of March 12, 2020, Habitat LA is taking a proactive approach to minimize potential exposure to the virus in the following ways:

### **ReStores: Open with Extra Cleaning**

Additional precautions are being taken at the cash registers, restrooms and all areas. Surfaces will be wiped regularly. Sanitizer and disposable wipes will be made available for staff and customer use. Merchandise will be cleaned on pick-up and extra efforts are being made to wipe down and sanitize. For donation pick-ups, we may suspend pick-up of donated merchandise in selected areas, if we feel it presents a risk to our staff.

### **Individual/Team Building Volunteers:**

In order to protect our communities, Habitat LA work sites and ReStores will be closed to volunteers through April 30, 2020. This policy will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Groups who were scheduled to volunteer during this time will be rescheduled once our sites reopen.

### **Habitat Events:**

Out of an abundance of caution, we will be postponing some of our major events through the end of April. This includes the following:

- Globe, Culver City Dedication
- Volunteer Appreciation Event
- Groundbreaking for Pine/14<sup>th</sup>/Pacific
- Washington Neighborhood Block Party
- Habitat for Humanity International Global Village program

### **Staff Safety:**

Habitat LA is asking staff to refrain from attending non-essential business events or gatherings through the end of April. We are increasing telecommuting options and have suspended domestic and international travel through May 2, 2020. We are also increasing office sanitation procedures.



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#### Additional Resources

Please visit the following sites for an overview of the virus, up-to-date information on the status of the outbreak, and health resources should you become concerned about your own condition or that of a loved one.

- [CDC COVID-19](#)
- [Anthem Members: What you need to know about the Coronavirus](#)

We are, of course, closely watching the news, local public health agencies, and the public-school response and will modify our response as appropriate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our offices at 310-323-4663.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin Rank".

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President and CEO