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## COVID-19 and SAMMinistries' Commitment to Safety

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 SAMMinistries

OVERCOMING HOMELESSNESS

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Dear friends,

SAMMinistries is committed to serving San Antonio's most vulnerable populations, especially during this time of urgent need. Our staff follows the guidance of the City of San Antonio to safely continue the operation of all our services, especially considering that those we serve are at great risk of contracting the virus.

As such we are working to ensure our Street Outreach Team, who works with the unsheltered population, are equipped with both personal protective equipment and hygiene products such as hand sanitizer to share with those they encounter on the street or in encampments.

Our Transitional Living and Learning Center, a communal residential facility for 40 homeless families is maintained by our Support Services staff. They are being extra vigilant in cleaning and disinfecting to ensure the health and safety of our clients and staff. A small wellness clinic is operated on-site at this facility in partnership with UT Health. That clinic is temporarily closed. Anyone exhibiting symptoms will immediately be referred to a higher level of care.

As part of our wraparound support services for all of our housing programs, clients are provided with personal hygiene products as well as household cleaning supplies. We hope the continuation of routine monitoring of client residences by Case Managers will help ensure their wellbeing.

**Many of you have asked if there is anything you can do to help.** As you shop for your own supplies, please consider those we serve as well. Our [Amazon Wish List](#) has been updated to reflect our most pressing needs, including but not limited to hand sanitizers, disinfecting wipes, gloves, and first aid supplies. Donations can be brought to our SAMMExpress Donation Station at [910 Oblate Drive](#).

As our local economy begins to feel the impact of COVID-19, we anticipate that many in our community will face the very real possibility of homelessness. We ask that you join us in uplifting and supporting them so that our community remains healthy and vibrant.

Thank you for your commitment to San Antonians in need during this critical time.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO



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