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PRESS RELEASE

St. Anthony's is Still Serving San Francisco, Updates Its COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Preparedness Plan

SAN FRANCISCO (March 17, 2020) – **St. Anthony's will continue to provide essential services to the San Francisco community.** The Public Health Order from the San Francisco Department of Public Health requiring residents to shelter in place makes an exception for organizations such as St. Anthony's, which provide "necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals".

The Dining Room is continuing to prepare meals fresh daily, and serve them curbside to-go. St. Anthony's has a pop-up tent where its Free Clothing Program is distributing free hygiene kits and hand sanitizer, as well as clothing on a case-by-case, emergency basis. At this time, we are temporarily suspending the intake of clothing donations in accordance with the shelter-in-place mandate. The Resource Center is continuing to provide counseling and information referral by phone, also.

"An elderly man visited our Free Clothing Program's tent this morning who didn't have much clothing on. He was cold. These are things someone still has to tend to," explains Executive Director Jose Ramirez. "We are taking the necessary precautions to keep our staff and community as safe as possible, while still providing essential resources to this community."

St. Anthony's will also continue to operate new hand-washing and hand-sanitizing stations to help the Tenderloin community limit the spread of the virus by maintaining hygiene.

To support St. Anthony's as it adapts and innovates to serve safely, visit: stanthonysf.org/donate.

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About St. Anthony's

Founded in 1950, St. Anthony's provides food, clothing, medical care, addiction recovery services, access to technology, job training, and other critical resources to the community. Every day we support and are supported by thousands of San Franciscans. Everyone who comes through our doors joins the St. Anthony's family and helps us create a future where all people flourish. Learn more at: stanthonysf.org.

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