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Update of Flatirons Habitat for Humanity's Preparations for COVID-19

We've been following the guidance and updates around the COVID-19 pandemic internationally and in our community. Habitat for Humanity International is providing much guidance, as is the Centers for Disease Control and our state and local public health departments. While we continue to move forward, we do ask that if you feel unwell or have traveled recently to one of the areas designated by the CDC as level 3 or on a cruise ship, you refrain from joining a Habitat event or build or visiting a Habitat ReStore or office. Similarly, if a member of your household has potentially been exposed to the virus through travel or other means, seek medical guidance and refrain from participating in any Habitat-related events, including volunteering or shopping in our ReStore.

What we are doing:

- Habitat for Humanity International has suspended all international and domestic travel through the beginning of May, including Global Village Trips. They are assessing the situation every two weeks.
- For the next few weeks, our administrative staff have been given the option to work remotely and are being encouraged to change in-person meetings to phone calls or web conferences. As a result our office will generally be closed, but we are checking voice mails and email regularly.
- Increased daily cleaning procedures are being implemented on our build sites for tools and equipment and additional safety equipment such as disposable gloves will be provided to volunteers. Additionally, volunteers are encouraged to bring their own personal safety equipment such as gloves and safety glasses.
- Our ReStore has increased cleaning and disinfecting the store multiple times a day and is monitoring the situation closely. The safety of our customers, volunteers and staff is of the most importance to us.
- We have cancelled the Broomfield Housing Opportunity Coalition Community Conversation scheduled for later this month and will reschedule it as a webinar.

What you can do:

- Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention. Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider.
- Wash your hands frequently. Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with alcohol-based (60%) hand rub or wash them with soap and water.
- Avoid hugs and handshakes. Use alternate ways of greeting people and maintain at least 3 feet distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth and can make you sick.

- Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early.
- We do ask that if you feel unwell or have traveled recently to one of the areas designated by the CDC as level 3 or on a cruise ship, you refrain from joining a Habitat event or build or visiting a Habitat ReStore or office. Similarly, if a member of your household has potentially been exposed to the virus through travel or other means, seek medical guidance and refrain from participating in any Habitat-related events, including volunteering or shopping in our ReStore
- Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19. Follow advice given by your healthcare provider, your national and local public health authority or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

We realize your health is your top priority. Should you decide not to volunteer as previously planned, please let us know so that we can adjust our plans accordingly.

In the meantime, please see the attached health guidelines document that offers advice from the World Health Organization on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to keep our staff, volunteers, partner homebuyers and the public safe. We appreciate your support of our work as we help our future homebuyers achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their family.

Sincerely,



Susan A Lythgoe
Executive Director

Attachment:
Health Guidelines from the World Health Organization

Good health guidelines

Thank you for volunteering with Habitat for Humanity! Your health and safety are important to us, and we want to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable build experience. In addition to the construction safety information you will receive on the build site, we want you to be aware of the basic protective measures you can take related to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak. The World Health Organization (who.int) offers the following guidelines:



We look forward to seeing you on the build site as we help our future homeowner achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their family. If you feel unwell or decide not to participate, please contact your local volunteer coordinator.

Thank you for donating your time to us!