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Dear SVdP-Twin Cities Community,

With the health and well-being of our community as our highest priority, we are closely following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health to create policies aimed at inhibiting the spread of the virus.

SVdP-Twin Cities Thrift Stores and Food Bank will remain open as long as it is safe to do so and are taking the following steps to maintain proper sanitation in our facilities.

1. Cleaning and sanitizing heavily-used areas in our stores.
2. Providing disposable gloves and hand sanitizer for our employees.
3. Offering hand sanitizer when available to our customers at the entrance of our store.

As you prepare to take care of your own health, please consider providing supplies to assist those in need. We are accepting donations of liquid hand soap, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper and paper towels for homeless shelter's residents and our food partner community. Donations may be dropped off at either of our two store locations.

SVdP-TC takes pride in being a warm and welcoming environment and we encourage everyone to do their part:

1. **Stay home when you are sick**, except to seek medical care.
2. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol as a secondary option.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth or face.
4. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
5. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, optimally into your sleeve or elbow. If you use a tissue, dispose of it immediately.
6. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
7. Avoid shaking hands and adopt other forms of greeting.
8. Get a Flu Shot if you have not done so this season.

For more information, consult the **Center for Disease Control and Prevention** and/or the Minnesota Department of Health: www.health.state.mn.us Be sure to follow us on social media for updates at: www.svdpmpls.org

God's Peace,

Ed Koerner

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