



## COVID-19 Update

The Sophia Way values the health and safety of our community, including the women we serve, our volunteers, supporters, and staff. We are taking the necessary precautions, closely monitoring the developing situation, and sharing information on the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 on a daily basis. The recommendations from the Public Health - Seattle & King County, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are being observed.

Under the guidance of our board of directors and the leadership team, we have implemented a comprehensive response plan grounded in our mission and values. We are working to ensure that women experiencing homelessness have their essential needs met, while their health and safety, and that of our volunteers, partners, and staff remain our highest priority.

### ***At the shelters we***

- encourage frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer
- have clients sleep head to toe
- closely monitor clients who exhibit flu-like symptoms, provide masks, and connect them to healthcare resources
- follow King County's sanitation and hygiene guidelines for homeless service providers

### ***Meal Donors***

We are deeply grateful to those who play a critical role in nourishing our clients during this crisis. Arrangements have been made for donors to leave meals at the door of the shelters for those not wishing to enter the buildings.

### ***Volunteers***

Our volunteers are the heart of our work, and we are profoundly thankful for their continued support. We are encouraging volunteers to "self-select" their support based on what is best for them within the public health guidelines.

### ***Events***

In an abundance of caution and recommendations from King County, we have postponed all events in March. We have scheduled some in April with the hopes that public gatherings will be safe, while remaining flexible based on the situation.

We will keep you updated as new information becomes available.

In this time of uncertainty and anxiety, we are strengthened by you and your support for the women we serve. Thank you for everything you do.

With gratitude,

Alisa Chatinsky  
Executive Director

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## RESOURCES

There are several useful resources available, and we are listing a few for quick reference

- King County Novel Coronavirus Call Center: 206.477.3977
- Washington State Novel Coronavirus Call Center: 800-525-0127
- [Public Health - Seattle & King County](#)
- [WA Department of Health](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

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*Thank you for supporting our mission to end homelessness for women in our community.*

**GIVE**

**NOURISH**

**VOLUNTEER**

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### **Our Office**

The Sophia Way  
11061 NE 2nd Street  
Suite 223  
Bellevue, WA 98004  
Ph: 425.463.6285  
Email: [info@sophiaway.org](mailto:info@sophiaway.org)  
9 AM to 5 PM

### **Day Center**

Sophia's Place  
(Behind St. Luke's Lutheran Church)  
3032 Bellevue Way NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004  
Ph: 425.896.7385  
8 AM to 3 PM  
Bus route: 249

### **Emergency Shelter**

*(Until May 2020)*  
Temple B'nai Torah  
15727 NE 4th Street  
Bellevue, WA 98008  
Ph: 425.463.6254  
8:30 PM to 7:30 AM  
Bus routes: 226, 245, B Line

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