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**RE: COVID-19 and the Calgary Drop-In Centre**

The Calgary Drop-In Centre is working closely with Alberta Health Services, Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), and our agency partners to develop a coordinated response to COVID-19.

As a precaution, effective Friday, March 13, we have cancelled all volunteer shifts and suspended future volunteer opportunities. We ask the public to please not bring donations to the emergency shelter until further notice, rather bring to our Donation Centre at 3640 11a St NE.

We know and appreciate how passionate Calgarians are about the vulnerable population in Calgary. More than ever, we and all homeless-serving agencies will need the community's support to protect our city's most vulnerable people during this pandemic.

Please watch our website [calgarydropin.ca](http://calgarydropin.ca) and our social media channels @CalgaryDropIn for future updates and to learn and share our greatest needs.

We are making every effort to respond to community and media emails, phone calls, and messages, and we appreciate the public's patience and kindness during this critical time.

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**About the Calgary Drop-In Centre:**

The Calgary Drop-In Centre (the DI) is more than an emergency shelter. We provide essential care as well as health services, employment training, and housing supports to people who need help. Our programs and services connect people to permanent housing that meets their individual needs.

For more information on how to volunteer, donate or otherwise make an impact, visit [www.calgarydropin.ca](http://www.calgarydropin.ca).