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Effective Wednesday, March 11: Temporary Suspension of Programs

Generations Incorporated has been closely monitoring the news about the rapidly changing public health situation in Massachusetts and Greater Boston as well as the recommendations by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MA DPH) regarding COVID-19.

Out of an abundance of caution, Generations Incorporated will be temporarily suspending our program beginning Wednesday, March 11th through Friday, March 27th.

Our philosophy as an organization is to approach this situation with a focus first and foremost on the wellness and safety of our volunteers, students, staff, and broader community.

As of today -- March 10, 2020 -- the CDC identified older adults as one of several high risk groups, meaning they are at higher risk of serious illness from the COVID-19 virus. In addition to other health and hygiene recommendations and everyday precautions, the CDC recommends that older adults take extra measures to put distance between themselves and other people and to "stay home as much as possible" in order to further reduce the risk of being exposed to this new virus.

The majority of Generations Incorporated volunteers fall into the CDC’s high risk category for adverse health complications should they contract the virus. Our objective in temporarily suspending our program is to maintain the safety and well-being of our volunteers.

Generations Incorporated takes our commitment to the students we serve very seriously, and it is with a sense of great responsibility and heavy heart that we have taken the above actions. At this point, the situation is evolving daily; we will continue to monitor the situation and will re-evaluate our program restart the week of March 23rd based on any revised recommendations from the CDC and MA DPH.

While we acknowledge the situation is less than ideal, we believe that suspending our program is the safest and most effective action in promoting the health and wellness of our community.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership as we navigate this uncharted territory together.

With Gratitude,

Wes Enicks
Executive Director