



Dear friends and family in our Beloved Community:

During this time of “Safer at Home” we know that many LGBTQ people are experiencing increased isolation and illness. We share a sense of collective uncertainty as we all struggle to navigate this pandemic together. In recognition of these challenges, we want to provide you with a snapshot of what we are doing here at Diverse and Resilient to promote the safety, health, and well-being of LGBTQ people in our communities. We are committed to safety planning with individuals, connecting people to resources, and being creative in our efforts toward helping people feel less alone and more connected, throughout this crisis.

Anti-Violence Safety, Community Care & Connection

- We have advocates working remotely able to help QTBIPOC (Queer, Trans, Black, Indigenous, POC, GNC) and the larger LGBTQ+ community connect to care.

- We are hosting “Queer-antines!” using Zoom each Thursday at 6 p.m. CT. This is a time for community to connect online. We are employing queer artists to help us and we have an ASL interpreter to ensure accessibility.

HIV / STI Care and Prevention

- We are providing continuous emotional support for people living with HIV, especially for those individuals who have been recently diagnosed.
- We are fielding questions about HIV/STI testing and directing people to our community partners who are still offering these essential services.
- Our Intersectionality Among Men Program is hosting online events such as “Cook Up Conversations”, using Zoom and Facebook.
- We are disbursing direct funds to assist persons living with HIV impacted by COVID-19 with emergency financial assistance through Ryan White funding.

Transgender Support, Youth Support, Condoms

- We continue holding our Sisters Helping Each Other Battle Adversity (SHEBA) meetings online.
- We are continuing to move forward with the Trans Needs Assessment to identify gaps in services for Trans people of Color.
- We continue to connect with youth via our Google lines.

- We are providing discreet yet accessible access to free condoms at different outdoor locations in Milwaukee, including in a newspaper bin right outside our door here at Diverse and Resilient.

For more specific information about our programs and services visit our website with links to our diverse social media platforms.



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Social distancing now so that we can all be together again soon

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