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We are writing to update you on Bread for Life's plan as it relates to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This pandemic is evolving by the hour, and we want to affirm that our top priority is the safety and well-being of our clients, volunteers and staff, and the community we serve.

Our gratitude for all who come through our doors every day is enormous, and the well-being of everyone in the Bread for Life community is paramount to us. With this in mind, and in consultation with our Health Department, we have made the decision to temporarily suspend our church volunteer program and modify our operations. This means that beginning on Monday, March 16th, the following modifications will take place:

- Church volunteers will not be coming in to serve until further notice.
- Our soup kitchen meal service will shift to take-out meals that will be served from our front porch on our regular meal schedule (Monday-Saturday lunch at noon and Wednesday dinner at 6:00 pm). This change will minimize the exposure that our guests, staff and volunteers have to one another and, therefore, the spread of the virus. We will re-open our dining room and resume serving meals to our guests there once the virus' spread sufficiently decreases.
- Deliveries to homebound will continue as usual.
- In house clients who have symptoms or who have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus will have meals delivered to them.
- We are maintaining our high cleaning standards and implementing preventative precautions recommended by the CDC.

These are uneasy times for all of us and for those we serve. The one thing that we do know, though, is that our community always comes together to support our neighbors in need... and this time will be no different. While we expect to experience significant financial and emotional strain in the weeks ahead, our commitment to those we serve remains strong. This is a situation we have never faced before at Bread for Life. You can help by donating: <http://southingtonbreadforlife.org/donate-online/>

Gratefully,

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