

AN IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE 2020-2021 WARMING CENTER SEASON (DAYTIME SHELTER CHANGES):

This year, in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the public health crisis that surrounds it, we are struggling to find ways to open the daytime shelter and stay safe. We strive to find a balance between COVID Safety and the other risks to health and safety that come from exposure to cold and wet weather, housing insecurity, food insecurity and isolation.

To do this, we have had to make some hard and painful decisions. Warming Center will start in November and end in March. **For the 2020-2021 Warming Center Season, the following changes should be noted about Daytime Shelter:**

- **Volunteers must sign up for shifts in advance**, and inform us beforehand if they are unable to attend. Links to the shift sign up will be available soon.
- **Volunteers and guests will meet with Sheri Wander at the start of their first shift for a brief orientation and participate in the screening process.**
- **Those with indoors shelter**, including residents of Delonis Shelter and those involved in the men's rotating shelter, **will be asked not to come to the day shelter.** This is in an effort to decrease capacity and therefore risk of COVID-19 exposure.

We will revisit these two changes at the beginning of 2021, and again at the start of February and March and announce if it is determined that health and safety precautions allow for us to change this. We encourage those who have safe indoor places to be who traditionally come to the warming center for food and/or community to reach out to Sheri to brainstorm other resources and find ways to connect.