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Pacoima Beautiful Health and Safety Update

Dear Community,

At Pacoima Beautiful, we believe our current primary role is to safeguard the health and well-being of our youth members, adult members, and staff. We recognize that you may have concerns and questions about the unfolding situation with the coronavirus. To that end, we would like to give you an update on the necessary steps we are taking to provide a safe environment for all our program participants and employees during this time.

As we closely monitor the latest developments on the situation, we are following the guidance of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). We are taking the executive order recommendations made by California Governor Gavin Newsom, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, and other county leaders and public health officials seriously, to postpone or cancel events that bring large groups of people in close contact with each other.

Out of the abundance of caution, we are shifting to working remotely, effective immediately. To minimize the risk of transmission, we are postponing all in person meetings and events for the remainder of March. We will continue to take calls, answer emails and will be available for online meetings, chat, and mobile collaboration via tools like Zoom. Our work and community is important to us but we believe in protecting the health and well-being of everyone that we serve.

In the spirit of solidarity, please remember the coronavirus does not give us the right to be racist and xenophobic towards our Asian brothers and sisters. Also, please be mindful of misinformation circulating about the coronavirus, listen to credible sources such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We are all in this together.

We are privileged to serve you and look forward to providing you with updates. On behalf of everyone at Pacoima Beautiful, thank you for your continued support, commitment to environmental justice and to promoting a healthy and sustainable San Fernando Valley.

In solidarity,

Pacoima Beautiful Team

P.S. We encourage you to continue following basic protective measures, including:

- Washing your hands with soap and water frequently or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Practice respiratory hygiene. Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Dispose of the used tissue in the trash bin immediately.
- Seek medical care early, if you have a fever, or are coughing and experience difficulty breathing.