



3/23/2020 -- Governor Issues Stay-at-Home Advisory from [Amy C. Sousa, Chief Executive Officer](#)

This morning, Governor Baker announced a stay-at-home advisory for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts beginning at noon on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 through April 7, 2020. As such, all non-essential operations will be shut down to the public. For the Governor's COVID-19 Essential Services Letter, [please click here](#).

The Guild provides an essential service and will remain open for individuals served. Guild staff members will be issued “essential personnel” notices that allows them to traverse from home to The Guild to provide support and programming to individuals in residence.

Due to the Governor’s stay-at-home advisory, all Guild houses will be closed to visitors, including family members and guardians effective March 24, 2020. Our staff will make every effort to use electronic communication methods to keep people connected during this time. If you have difficulty accessing appropriate communication technology at home to maintain contact, please contact your house manager directly so that we can assist you.

We recognize that prolonged family separation can have detrimental consequences. Thus, we understand if you would like to take your children home to wait out the virus. Please be advised that individuals who return home will be required to remain home for the duration of the public health crisis. Keep in mind that this crisis is projected to last for a substantial amount of time. Be



thoughtful and realistic about what resources you have to care for individuals at home.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we navigate this rapidly evolving and unprecedented health situation.

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