

# The Road Home COVID Statement - March 16, 2020

## The Road Home's Commitment to Serving Those Most Vulnerable in Our Communities

**SALT LAKE CITY, UT, March 16, 2020** – The Road Home's mission is to help people step out of homelessness and back into our community. We would like to let the community know that the potential spread of COVID-19 is our top concern and we have plans already in place to handle the situation and help those in need. We are continuously updating procedures and paying acute attention to new developments in the situation. The Road Home is working closely with all other service providers, Fourth Street Clinic, the Salt Lake County Health Department and the Utah Coronavirus Task Force to ensure protocol is carried out to the best of our ability. Our dedicated team is committed to ensuring we are able to provide safe emergency shelter and housing supports.

In addition to these measures, The Road Home has created and is implementing a comprehensive COVID-19 Prevention and Mitigation Plan for all of our programs, including the Men's Resource Center and the Midvale Family Resource Center. We have increased frequency of disinfectant procedures and shared information with our program participants regarding proper prevention techniques. Staff have been provided with information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and have been informed to stay home if they're feeling ill.

Representatives from Salt Lake County's Emergency Response Team are leading a process to assist all the homeless service partners in coordinating our plans regarding shelters and Resource Centers as well as people who are in need of shelter, food, transportation and access to health care and testing.

We all recognize that we are serving a vulnerable population that is not able to isolate in the same way as people who are living in their own homes. With that in mind, The Road Home will continue to work daily to update and coordinate our plans and ensure that people experiencing homelessness have access to care as needed.

We are hopeful that the impact of COVID-19 will dissipate, and we are confident that we are prepared to help those most in need at this time. We will continue to share updates as they occur. If you have questions about COVID-19 please call the Utah Coronavirus Information Line at 1-800-456-7707.