

COVID-19

As the Coronavirus pandemic evolves, Wellness is actively working to support our clients. While our building may be temporarily closed, many of our core programs have continued. We are working to adapt and expand our services to make sure that our community members have access. If you are a Wellness client in need of food, personal items, condoms, Naloxone/Narcan refills or clean works kits, please email your case manager or if you don't have a point of contact, send us an email to questions@wellnessaids.org so we can assess the best way we can help you.

Note From CEO:

Dear Community,

The last few months have been a very challenging and worrying time for our community due to COVID-19. At Wellness, our highest priority is always the safety and well-being of our staff and clients and in response, we have been working diligently to enhance our in-office safety measures by following CDC recommendations and guidelines for the prevention of COVID-19. Here's what we've been up to:

- Our staff are working remotely and have been conducting regular wellness calls to our clients to touch base and see how we might be able to assist.
- We have been utilizing Telehealth to connect face-to-face with our case management, mental health, and tobacco reduction clients as well as using videoconferencing and streaming platforms to host "movie and chat" events.
- Food and housing insecurity is one of the biggest challenges facing our clients at this time. Wellness has begun offering weekly food boxes for pick-up or delivery.
- We have continued providing harm reduction services for people who use drugs

Wellness staff are also working to adapt our Naloxone/Narcan, LGBTQ focused-care, and Medical Mistrust trainings from in-person trainings to being offered virtually so that we can continue to provide our community with necessary education and training. And in the coming weeks, we will begin to re-open our offices to resume providing health screenings for HIV, Hepatitis C, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and Trichomoniasis.

We also want to send a huge thanks to our supporters and funding partners who enable us to keep our work going to protect the most vulnerable. Without you, this wouldn't be possible.

Remember, if you are in need of services, please email your case manager or send us an email to questions@wellnessaids.org so we can assess the best way we can help you.

From all of us at Wellness, please stay safe and healthy.

Best,
Stevi Atkins, CEO

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