

**RE: COVID-19 - MARCH 12 2020**

At My Furniture Bank, the health and safety of our staff, clients and visitors is foremost in our minds.  The message from Public Health is that the risk to our community remains low as there is no evidence of community transmission in Peel or Halton Regions.  We are therefore making every effort to avoid disruption in our program or services at this time.  
   
Please be assured that we are closely following the instructions and guidelines issued by the national and regional health authorities.   
   
In accordance with Public Health protocols we are sharing the following information with you, our staff members and volunteers.

The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other more common viruses is to:

* wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
* avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose as much as possible
* avoid contact with people who are ill and their items​
* cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing; if no tissue is available, then sneeze or cough into the sleeve or arm
* clean and disinfect objects and surfaces regularly

If you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick, we ask that you **not enter** our facility.  Symptoms of COVID-19 are mild fever, dry cough, and sore throat.  We know it may be disappointing to cancel or postpone an appointment, but keeping the virus from spreading is our first priority.  
  
In addition to these practices, the MFB facility cleaning schedule and will increase sanitation at high touch points, washrooms, door handles, toilet flush handles and faucets.  
  
If you would like more information regarding COVID -19 below are some recommended sources.  
·        [Peel Public Health](http://l.paciolanmail.com/rts/go2.aspx?h=29903&tp=i-1NGB-F6-k9-vsal-24-jEr-1c-vhoh-l4MfGiyAsX-iFfVX)  
·        [Government of Ontario](http://l.paciolanmail.com/rts/go2.aspx?h=29904&tp=i-1NGB-F6-k9-vsal-24-jEr-1c-vhoh-l4MfGiyAsX-iFfVX)  
·        [Government of Canada – Novel Coronavirus](http://l.paciolanmail.com/rts/go2.aspx?h=29905&tp=i-1NGB-F6-k9-vsal-24-jEr-1c-vhoh-l4MfGiyAsX-iFfVX)  
·        [World Health Organization – Coronavirus](http://l.paciolanmail.com/rts/go2.aspx?h=29906&tp=i-1NGB-F6-k9-vsal-24-jEr-1c-vhoh-l4MfGiyAsX-iFfVX)

Updates will continue as received.

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