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As I sit at my desk contemplating the news that we have just heard today, of the schools and school-run daycares in Saskatchewan being shut down indefinitely due to the COVID-19 virus, I would like to fill you in on the response of YFC|Youth Unlimited Southeast Saskatchewan (formerly Southeast Saskatchewan Youth for Christ), Weyburn Youth Center and Kipling Youth Center.

First of all I would like to reiterate what so many have said already, stay calm. During this time of uncertainty and fear we need to remember that our hope is in God. As we look to the scriptures we read in the Message Bible:

"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life." (Philippians 4:6-7)

Believe me I know that is a lot easier said than done, but may we all be reminded that God is in control, and we at YFC|YU Southeast Saskatchewan truly believe and rest on God's promises.

With the news that we have received from our government today, we will be halting all YFC|YU programming immediately until further word is given. Both Weyburn and Kipling Drop-ins are closed. We are looking for ways that we could continue to have an impact on our youth, reaching out and serving them during this time. As of right now we are not sure what this looks like, but we will seek to be there for our youth.

If you have questions or need to talk about things, please get in touch with me (306-842-5165, <u>weyburnyouthcenter@sasktel.net</u>) as I would love to talk to you.

Blessings, **Brian Hopfe** *Executive Director* YFC|Youth Unlimited Southeast Saskatchewan