



March 18, 2020

Dear Family Promise of York County Family,

As a community organization, we strive to do everything we can to preserve the safety and health of our guests, volunteers, staff, and community. While we have not had any confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 among anyone connected to our organization, we have decided to implement a social distancing plan for Family Promise of York County. The purpose of this plan is to protect the health of our guests, staff, volunteers, and community as a whole and to play our part to slow the spread of this virus in our community.

The plan outlined below will go into effect starting Thursday, March 19, 2020, and will extend until April 05, 2020. On or before April 5th, the Family Promise Leadership team will evaluate when to return to normal operations. We will be in communication with our congregations and community partners regarding our future start date for return to congregational hosting.

Social Distancing Plan - Actions Family Promise is Taking:

- 1. Congregations:** The Interfaith Hospitality Rotational Shelter Program will be placed on a temporary hold until April 05, 2020. While our families are not the most at-risk populations for this virus, many of our congregational volunteers are. In an effort to protect our volunteers and community partners, our current IHN families will be sheltered at our Fresh Start shelter.
- 2. Guests:** Family Promise will not be accepting any new families into our program between March 18, 2020 and April 05, 2020. We will continue to place families on our callback list and will make necessary referrals to other agencies to meet the immediate needs of families that contact us.
- 3. Administrative and Office Staff:** Our amazing staff is key to our success as an organization and we want to do everything we can to ensure they and their families stay healthy. Some of them will work from home and a minimum staff will operate our office as long as possible. All staff members that develop signs or symptoms of illness will be asked to stay home and not report for work.

4. **Community:** While volunteer opportunities are limited, we need our community now more than ever. Here are three ways you can help:

A. **Give Financially:** Your financial support of Family Promise of York County during this time period will be deeply appreciated. Please feel free to donate online at: www.familypromiseyc.org or mail checks to Family Promise of York County, 404 East Main Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730.

B. **Supply Donations:** We are in need of specific supplies for cleaning, sanitation, and infant care during this time. Non-perishable food (microwavable) is needed. Please follow us on Facebook to keep track of updated needs <https://www.facebook.com/familypromiseofyorkcounty>

C. **Show Compassion:** We ask that you be kind to one another and pray for our neighbors and community during this time.

This is an unprecedented effort, the likes of which most of us have not seen in our lifetime. The silver lining in this crisis will be our coming together as a community to care for each other and the families with children that are among our most vulnerable populations.

Building Community, Strengthening Lives,

Leslie Starnes, Executive Director