



To our Durango Community,

To take preventative measures and help our community stay healthy, Manna will be making shifts in our current services. Our dining room is currently closed and will remain so until further notice. Starting on Wednesday, March 18 we will operate as following:

- **Manna will continue to serve meals seven days a week, distributing sack lunches and hot to-go meals every day from 9 – 11 a.m. at the back entrance of our Soup Kitchen. (Wednesday dinners will no longer be in effect).**
- **We will be partnering with Southwest Rides to drop off sack lunches/hot meals seven days a week to the Purple Cliffs encampment, once a day.**
- **We will not be distributing Emergency Food Boxes at this time. Families and individuals in need of food can stop by during our meal times to pick up what we are serving and take extra meals home with them.**
- **We will be working with Durango 9R to continue our backpack program and ensure that families can still rely on these regular meals if schools experience extended closures.**

Our staff will be taking all measures to limit person-to-person contact. Meals will be packaged individually and we will continue to make sure our cooking facilities remain clean and sanitary. Additionally, we now have a hand washing station outside of our meal pickup area. Unfortunately, our client services, showers and laundry will be suspended for the time being. Our soup kitchen and administrative offices will only be open to our staff. To reach us, please be in touch by phone or email at 970-385-5095 ext.3, or at [info@mannasoupkitchen.com](mailto:info@mannasoupkitchen.com). **In relation to our facilities being closed, our Spring Culinary Program, which was set to begin on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, now has a tentative start day of May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Manna will also be closing our facility to all volunteers. Though we appreciate those who want to help in this time, we encourage people to stay home and honor social distancing. For those wanting to contribute, we are more than happy to receive monetary and food donations. Online monetary donations can be made at [www.mannasoupkitchen.org/donate](http://www.mannasoupkitchen.org/donate). Additionally, with grocery stores running low, we are expecting to receive fewer food donations in the near future. If you have extra to give or would like to ship nonperishables from Amazon or other food delivery services, you can send these items to 1100 Avenida del Sol, Durango, CO 81301.

Kindly,  
Manna Staff

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