



COVID-19 RESPONSE

The COVID-19 shutdown has deeply impacted us all. At THRIVE Communities we are especially aware of the ways in which the shutdown continues to impact our Core Members (citizens returning from incarceration) as well as individuals preparing to be released from jail or prison. From housing, to finances, to social services, our members and future members are finding it necessary to be creative in this moment and we are doing as much as we can to provide support and assistance through this difficult moment in time. At THRIVE we always celebrate the impact community can have in individual's lives during significant transition and crisis. This is true now, more than ever. Here are a few ways we are responding during this time of social distancing:



Our Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSAs) continue to meet weekly with our Core Members via video conferencing. These teams are especially taking time to provide social support while listening for emerging needs as anxieties related to the virus increase.



Our Reentry Coach checks in with CoSA teams, connects weekly with our Core Members, and check in on individuals in the community who have been impacted by incarceration and have utilized THRIVE's walk-in hours.



Staff is actively listening to identify emerging needs within our community, working to ensure that our constituents have accurate information about COVID-19 and the related state orders, and trying to connect our community members with the resources available.



We are actively corresponding with men and women who are currently incarcerated, and we are working to identify resources to ease reentry for those who may be released during this pandemic.



Finally, all THRIVE members are invited to drop in and join the community for THRIVE's Virtual Social Hour, weekdays from 1 - 1:30pm. It is an opportunity to connect, share how we are coping, and be in community together through this time of social distancing.

- Join Hangouts Meet: meet.google.com/xno-oknq-ttv
- Join by phone: 507-481-2670 PIN: 498 225 044#

We continue to be here to empower communities to welcome and support our neighbors transitioning from incarceration. Up close or virtually, we are in this together! If you or a loved one in the greater Lowell or Lawrence community is experiencing challenges related to the transition from incarceration, please do not hesitate to contact us at (978) 483-0211.