



Rod's House COVID-19 Shelter Response to the Yakima Health District and State of Washington Stay-at-Home Order

When you don't have a home, how do you shelter in place? Where do you wash your hands? Distance yourself from others? Disinfect your living space? If you're a young person experiencing homelessness, do you feel comfortable accessing services at congregate settings with much older adults? The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented event for our organization, community, state, country, and world. Like any disaster there is ample fear, lack of communication, and uncertainty for the future. We are not going to solve all the big problems, but we can help solve problems for the young people in our community.

The Rod's House Young Adult Extreme Winter Weather Shelter (YAEWWS) at Englewood Christian Church was scheduled to end on March 31, 2020; however, because of the Yakima Health District and State of Washington declaring Stay-At-Home Orders Rod's House is standing up a new 24/7 shelter to provide a safe location for young people without homes to shelter in place.

Operations Plan

24/7 location for young people experiencing homelessness to help them comply with the stay-at-home order. The facility will allow for adequate social distancing and will help the community reduce the transmission of COVID-19. The facility does not have a kitchen so there will be no on-site cooking beyond a microwave.

Location: Dad's House Church 515 N 5th Ave Yakima, WA 98902

Hours and Duration: 24 hours/day while stay-at-home order is active. When notice of stay-at-home order is lifted, the shelter residents will transition and close.

Staff: At least 2 staff on site any time clients are present. Staff will function as facility monitors and will provide direct service to clients. Additionally, staff will monitor for health issues and will ensure safety protocols are followed.

Client Capacity: 16