



Ruth's Cottage Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resident Agreement Form

As the Coronavirus has swept across the world, across the state, and into our community, it has created a great deal of fear and uncertainty, along with many different recommendations and regulations to help us all be safe. In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, Ruth's Cottage is including the following provisions:

- All public and private gatherings outside of a household or living unit that number higher than ten, except for limited purposes are prohibited.
- Transportation must be requested in advance.
- "Social distancing" is required to the maximum extent possible when outdoors **or using shared spaces**, which includes maintaining a six-foot distance from others, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs and sneezes, regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
- Masks must always be worn while in household or living unit, as well as in playground area.

In an effort to do our part to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus and protect the health and safety of all community members, Ruth's Cottage asks all emergency shelter residents to abide by the following rules which represent our best effort to abide by the local mandates. We realize that these may seem inconvenient or harsh, but they are for everyone's safety and health. Be assured that staff are also practicing these safety precautions in the shelter and outside of it.

Please initial each line and sign at the bottom.

_____ I have read and talked to shelter staff about the provisions of the agreement form.

_____ I understand that Ruth's Cottage considers each bedroom/apartment of the emergency shelter as a "household or living unit" as defined by the local law.

_____ I understand that I may not go into another bedroom/apartment within the shelter.

_____ I understand that I must stay 6 feet away from staff and other residents—even ones who share my unit. *This may mean that we need to take turns in small places such as the kitchen, bathroom or laundry areas.*

_____ I understand that I may use the computer area, playroom, wellness room, porch, backyard, and smoking area, but that I must stay six feet away from other residents in those spaces. If it is not possible for everyone to stay the proper distance away, I understand that we will need to take turns. Staff can help with this.

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to clean both my bedroom and any other areas I have used daily, using cleaning products provided by staff.

_____ I understand that I must always wear my mask while on or in the shelter property and that I am responsible for my children wearing their masks at all times.

_____ I understand that I must fully cover coughs and sneezes with my hand or a tissue, and that I must dispose of the tissue in a trash can and wash my hands immediately after coughing or sneezing.



_____ I understand that if I or my child become ill or display symptoms (such as dry cough, repeated coughing, fever, etc.) I will be asked to wear a mask while around any other people in the shelter. I may be asked to move units or to call the office for assistance rather than walking through the programming unit.

_____ I understand that I am encouraged to talk to staff if I have been exposed to Coronavirus or if I display symptoms such as cough, fever, headache, or other respiratory distress. I understand that my health status will not jeopardize my shelter stay so long as I abide by these rules. I understand that staff will help me access local health resources and/or follow recommended treatment protocol (i.e. confine to bedroom/bath for 14 days while treating symptoms with OTC medications.)

_____ I understand that these rules are for my safety as well as the safety of other residents, staff, and the community at large.

_____ I understand that because of the seriousness of the Coronavirus pandemic, if I fail to abide by this agreement, I will be asked to leave the emergency shelter.

Resident Name & Signature

Date