



Friday, March 20, 2020

Dear supporters, volunteers, and friends of Mama's Kitchen,

I want to provide an update on our work in light of Gov. Gavin Newsom's recent announcement implementing a "shelter in place" order for California, beginning Thursday, March 19.

**Mama's Kitchen is recognized as an "essential business" and is part of the County's emergency response efforts. With this designation, we can, and will, continue to operate and deliver meals with additional safety procedures. This designation also allows volunteers to continue working with us during this time.**

Delivering Mama's Kitchen's mission is critical now more than ever. Our dedicated team will be working around the clock to ensure our most vulnerable community members receive the meals and nutrition services they need to remain home and safe.

We will be operating with exceptionally lean volunteers to achieve our mission, while doing our part to ensure safety and minimize the impact of the COVID-19 crisis. Additional information about volunteering is available [here](#). Effective immediately, our on-site Pantry (available for low-income HIV+ individuals) will be closed, and pantry clients will be offered to temporarily enroll in our Home Delivered Meal Service program to provide for their safety and well-being.

Please know we could not do this without you. We are so grateful for the support of our community. If you are able to support our emergency response efforts with a gift of any amount, it makes an incredible difference towards our increased expenses.

Thank you for your support and being part of our family. Please stay safe and healthy.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alberto Cortés".

Alberto Cortés

Chief Executive Officer