

Dear Friends of ACDC,

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, **our offices in Boston and Malden will be closed effective Monday, March 16 until Monday, May 4.** Our staff will continue to work remotely during this time and are accessible via phone and email.

Impact on Programs and Services

- March and April homebuyer education classes and matched savings workshops have been canceled.
- Since our offices are closed, we cannot provide in-person housing counseling or general assistance. You can still call our housing counseling staff and receive assistance via phone.
- Youth meetings and workshops will be canceled or moved to a virtual platform. Youth programs staff will communicate necessary information to their respective A-VOYCE youth participants, and weekly workshops are to be held virtually.
- Chinatown Backyard, Residence Lab, and Hudson Street Stoop are postponed until further notice. Films at the Gate should proceed as expected.
- Our Dim Sum Breakfast, originally scheduled for April 24, has been postponed until a later date.

ACDC remains dedicated to serving the Asian community during this uncertain time. While we understand that the closing of our offices will impact our programs, we are taking these actions to protect the health of our staff and the general community. The people we serve are predominantly low-income immigrants who may lack access to the resources to protect themselves and are more vulnerable.

We would like to emphasize that the COVID-19 is a viral illness that does not discriminate based on race or gender. No race or ethnic group is responsible for the emergence and spread of the virus.

We encourage everyone to practice frequent sanitation, including limiting time spent in crowded public places and handwashing with soap and water.

We are proactively monitoring the ever-changing status of this situation. Please subscribe to our newsletter and follow our social media to receive updates on further changes.

Thank you for respecting our preventative measures to keep our community safe.

Resources:

<http://www.asiancdc.org/covid19>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

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