

Update: How is Cancer Connection responding to the NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)?

To ensure the health and safety of our community and prevent the virus' spread, we have adjusted the delivery of our programs and services and the hours of our Thrift Shop.

CANCER CONNECTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Effective today, Monday, March 16th through Sunday, April 19, 2020 we are:

- **Canceling all in-person integrative therapies, programs, workshops, and groups***
*with the exception of those that can be conducted by telephone or by remote conferencing.

- Holding Calming Strategies, which can be conducted by telephone.
- Asking all Support Groups to go on hiatus, unless they would like to continue meeting remotely.
- Continuing to provide telephone-only Befriending during our usual drop-in hours, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10am - 2pm and Wednesday 10am - 12noon. Call 413-586-1642.
- Encouraging all facilitators to use phone conference calls and remote conferencing for their groups and programs, if sufficient interest and as seems appropriate.

- **Canceling in-person programs scheduled between now and April 19th at 41 Locust Street and at other locations. This includes:**

Monthly Reiki Night, Metastatic Breast Cancer Retreat, Breast Cancer Programs Meetings, Monthly Mindfulness (April), and To Be or Not To Be.

- **Continuing certain programs if they can be held remotely****

**including Support Groups, Knitting, Spirit of the Written Word, Clay, Collage, and A Mindful Practice. Facilitators will check with their participants to assess if a certain percentage agree to participate remotely. If not enough participants are interested, the program / group will go on hiatus until further notice.

- **Postponing programs that have not yet started or have additional sessions before April 19:**

Card-Making Workshop, Papercut Workshop, Alcohol Inks Workshop, Self-Care Reiki, Rest to Heal, Music and Movement, Pilates, Listening Skills.

We are not at this time making any schedule changes for programs scheduled to begin after April 20, 2020. We will assess the need for any changes as we receive more

CANCER CONNECTION THRIFT SHOP

We are closing the Cancer Connection Thrift Shop to all volunteers, customers, and donors starting Monday, March 16 and reopening Monday, March 30th.

We plan to stay closed for two weeks. We will evaluate this schedule as we gain more information.

Please read and follow the guidance on this flyer from the Massachusetts Department of Health:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/stop-the-spread-of-germs-respiratory-diseases-like-flu-and-covid-19/download>

Additional sources of information are available here:

City of Northampton Health Department

<https://www.northamptonma.gov/245/Health>

Cooley Dickinson Hospital

<https://www.cooleydickinson.org/2020/03/coronavirus-q-a/>

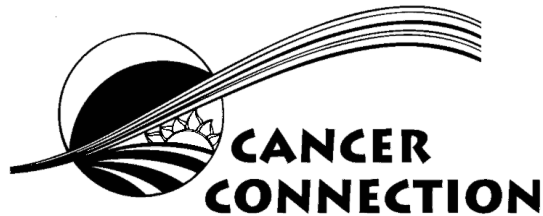
Baystate Health System

<https://www.baystatehealth.org/covid19>

Holyoke Medical Center

<https://www.holyokehealth.com/patients-visitors/covid-19-information-update/>

Please help us all to keep each other safe!



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We are open for telephone-only Befriending at this time during the following hours:

Monday: 10 to 2 PM
Tuesday: 10 to 2 PM
Wednesday: 10 to 12 NOON
Thursday: 10 to 2 PM

**If those times aren't convenient,
call Cancer Connection and we'll find a time that fits for you!**