

Dear Ben's Bells community,

In the midst of the evolving COVID-19 outbreak, we are taking the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, visitors, and all members of our community into serious consideration. We are monitoring new information as it becomes available from the Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization, and national and local government. We plan to follow their recommendations closely and keep you informed of any major changes in our operations.

Currently, we are encouraging staff, volunteers, and visitors to follow hand washing and personal hygiene measures that have been widely recommended. We have implemented additional cleaning measures in all public spaces and on frequently touched surfaces.

As of today, our community studios, stores, and offices remain open. To ensure everyone's safety we will be asking anyone who is visibly ill to return another day when they are well and that all volunteers wash their hands prior to beginning their service. As new recommendations for safety in our spaces become available, we are ready to adapt as needed to ensure the utmost precaution.

In addition to our in-person opportunities, we invite you to engage with our tools for kindness via our website, bensbells.org, where you can find information about our programming and online shopping for our merchandise. We also encourage you to visit us on our social media; [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), or [Facebook](#) for continuing kindness content and further updates on the actions we are taking to ensure the safety of our community.

We have also decided to postpone our annual event in Tucson, Celebration of Kindness, to June 5. We hope you will be able to join us and that we will have even more reasons to celebrate this year.

In these uncertain times, we encourage everyone to remember to actively practice kindness. Humans crave connections, which is challenging given the current circumstances. Now more than ever, we need to make sure we are being mindful of our neighbors in the community and remembering the importance of small acts of kindness. Kindness is powerful and has such lasting effects.

We're going to make spreading kindness just a little easier for you. For a limited time, come by and pick up a free ["Be Kind" car sticker](#), see details below. A great way to spread the Ben's Bells message!

We appreciate your continued support and understanding; please feel free to contact our staff with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Helen Gomez

Executive Director

Ben's Bells