

# CLOVERNOOK

## CENTER FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED



Dear friends,

At close of business today, all Ohio and Tennessee Clovernook Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired operations will cease until at least April 6, 2020. This is in order to comply with the Ohio Department of Health orders issued Sunday, March 22, 2020 and includes Clovernook Center's Braille Printing House and Social Enterprises (manufacturing) programs. Clovernook Center's Memphis-based operations will also cease based on recommendations from Tennessee state health officials.

It is important to do all we can during this pandemic in our regions and nation. We had previously shifted production schedules and rearranged workflows in order to maintain safe distances among employees, while also trying to complete as much work as possible. We recognize now is the time to ensure we're doing everything asked of us as a member of this community to combat the novel coronavirus.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank our entire staff, made up of sighted employees and those who are blind and visually impaired. Your ability to remain flexible as we change our workplace to adapt to CDC guidelines, as well as working diligently to continue providing braille across the nation, is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to reopening and resuming normal operations when it has been deemed safe to do so. In the interim, we encourage everyone to comply with state orders and recommendations to stay at home unless needed, practice social distancing whenever you do need to be out, wash your hands, and take care of your friends, family and neighbors in need during these times.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Faust".

Chris Faust  
President & CEO

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