



Illinois
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COVID-19 Response Coordination Call

*Purpose: To provide the opportunity to communicate needs and coordinate relief efforts with fellow Illinois VOAD members. Organizational needs and resources are **highlighted**.*

Monday, March 23, 2020

Statewide Members

Feeding Illinois

- Contact Steve Ericson
- Serve all 102 counties in Illinois
 - NOTE: A map showing the food bank that serves each Illinois county can be found on the COVID-19 page on the Illinois VOAD website (ilvoad.communityos.com)
- Needs of all food banks are very similar to those described by St. Louis Area Foodbank
- **Biggest need right now is for volunteers to assist in food bank operations and food**
 - As this crisis continues, the need for financial assistance to purchase food is expected
 - All needs and contact information for each food bank is listed on the Serve Illinois website (serve.illinois.gov)
- One concern is that a number of agencies are closing down and limiting the ability serve
 - Increases the need for volunteers to pack and distribute food
- NOTE: A link to the Serve Illinois website can be found on the Illinois VOAD home page (ilvoad.communityos.com)

Team Rubicon

- Contact Ashley Slover for Northern Illinois
- Contact Lucy Loftus for Central Illinois
- Able to provide volunteers to assist with food distribution or 2-1-1 phone banks remotely

Latter-day Saint Charities

- Contact James Zinn
- Operational status is all remote with no congregations meeting, but connected electronically
- Able to provide volunteers to assist as needed as well as food for food banks or pantries
- Able to provide facilities for blood drives (only) at this time

Illinois Baptist State Association

- Contact Butch Porter
- Willing to assist with food distribution

Lutheran Disaster Response

- Contact Joy Medrano
- Statewide ability to provide drop-and-knock volunteers for meal delivery, purchasing meals for shelters and pantries, and possibly financial assistance for meals
- Can possibly provide volunteers once situation stabilizes

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

- Contact Joe Butkovich
- Statewide ability to provide gift cards and volunteers (once situation stabilizes)

Catholic Charities

- Contact Lorena Garza
- Operations are all remote at this time
 - Shelters are operating with minimal staff
- Operate shelters in DuPage and Will counties
 - Moving residents from Will county shelter to hotels (50 guests)
 - Providing food and other supplies and case management with 2x daily check-ins
 - Locate more permanent housing
- Not looking for assistance at this time, except for financial donations
- Website (catholiccharitiesjoliet.org) is kept current with status and needs

South of I-70 Members

St. Louis Area Foodbank

- Contact Nicole Hawkins if able to assist
- Serving 12 counties in Illinois
- **Request for volunteer help with food distribution to partner organizations (not delivery to individuals)**
- Warehouse in St. Louis-area could also use volunteers (e.g., Madison and St. Claire counties) for re-packing product

Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church

- Contact Ed Hoke
- Church is observing shelter-in-place with no services, but e-mail contact with local pastors
- Willing to assist with volunteers for knock-and-drop operations

Rotary International

- Contact Ed Hoke
- Contact Joe Miller
- Willing to assist with volunteers for knock-and-drop operations

United Way of Greater St. Louis

- Contact Rick Skinner
- Completely remote operations at present (both 2-1-1 and the Volunteer Center)
- Serves 9 counties in Illinois
- Operating website for volunteer engagement (stlvolunteer.org) including specific COVID-19 related opportunities
 - Partners and Members and post needs for volunteers on their website
 - Members can encourage individuals and groups to review the website and fill needs
- NOTE: A link to the referenced website can be found on the Illinois VOAD home page (ilvoad.communityos.com)

Between I-70 and I-80 Members

Midwest Mission Distribution Center

- Contact Chantel Corrie
- Staff are all working on staggered scheduled or remotely
- Distributing PPE to local hospitals
- Offering Springfield-area warehouse and trucks for storage and distribution
 - Can pack/re-pack food at the warehouse for further distribution

Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church

- Contact Sara Brown
- Network of early response teams can provide volunteers where needed

North of I-80 Members

Northeast Illinois COAD

- Contact Joy Medrano
- Working with Lake County PADS through faith-based partners to provide meals for mega shelter in Gurnee
- Working with McHenry County to provide meals for their homeless shelters
 - Moving homeless into a hotel and will possibly need help with providing meals
- COAD call planned for Tuesday, March 24
 - Send email to coadneil@gmail.com to get on contact list

Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ

- Contact Roger Dart
- Operations are all remote at this time
- Willing to assist with volunteers for knock-and-drop operations and monetary assistance for food purchases at homeless shelters

United Way of Northwest Illinois

- Contact Connie Kraft
- Operations are all remote at this time
- Have a response fund setup to receive donation
- Two large pantries are closing: one attached to homeless shelter
 - Working with local church pantries to support operations
- Do not use 2-1-1, but have a crisis hotline

Government Partners

Illinois Emergency Management Agency

- Working on community service programming at SEOC
- Sent out information on wrap-around services to all county and EMA contacts yesterday
- Stood up Serve Illinois website (serve.illinois.gov) to take in volunteer opportunity requests
 - Published information on PPE donations

FEMA Region V

- Every state has an emergency declaration that includes emergency protective measures
 - NY and CA have made requests for specific programs under IA (including crisis counseling)
- Regional response coordination center remains open
- Continue to work through Michelle Hanneken at Serve Illinois for any resource requests

Next Coordination Call: Thursday, March 26 at 9:30 AM CDT
Contact information will be sent to members via e-mail.