



**Illinois
Voluntary Organizations
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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 30, 2020

Government Partners

Illinois Emergency Management Agency

- Contact is Michelle Hanneken
- Working on plans for Alternate Housing and Hospital Surge
 - Hospital Surge is the effort to create alternate care options for less-severe needs
 - McCormick Place in Chicago is being setup to receive up to 3,000 residents
 - Other facilities also being planned
 - **Need medical volunteers to register via illinoishealth.net**
- Wrap-around Services are expected to be needed at each site
 - Create a sense of stability for those housed in facilities (e.g., providing bedding, food, toiletries)
 - Variety of needs will exist: mental health services, spiritual care, mass feeding
- Alternative Housing for individuals with minor symptoms or asymptomatic
 - Working with hotels in about 12 locations across the state
 - Available for persons or families in need of housing to quarantine or isolate
 - Plan to contract out catering and laundry, but may need VOAD member help

FEMA Region V

- Contact is Sarah Jensen
- Supporting state initiatives for alternate housing and hospital serve
- **Dashboard published with contact information, useful web links, schedules for calls, other resources at <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r5valdashboard/>**
- US Chamber Foundation webinar for 501(c)3 funding available from CARES Act today at 10:30 AM CT

Statewide Members

Illinois Baptist State Association

- Contact is Butch Porter
- Preparing to assist with food distribution and feeding, mainly from I-80 south (no requests yet)
- Request from Jackson County Health Department for help delivering food
- Some chainsaw team requests from recent tornado activity

Crisis Cleanup

- Contact is Aaron Titus
- Launched new website (www.crisiscleanup.org) for COVID-19 response
 - Public facing website for request for services (coronacommunity.org)
 - Volunteers will call them back to confirm request

- Request published to relief organizations to respond
- **Opportunity for volunteers to support the virtual call center and responses**

Feeding Illinois

- Contact is Steve Ericson
- **Biggest need right now is for volunteers to assist in food bank operations**
 - Food supply is currently good—using a civilian-style, shelf-stable MRE
 - Need for volunteers (posted on Serve Illinois website)
- Social distancing is limiting the number of volunteers that can be accommodated
 - Directing to Serve Illinois

Team Rubicon

- Contact Ashley Slover for Northern Illinois
- Contact Lucy Loftus for Central Illinois
- Helping Catholic Charities with food distribution
- Working with United Way to make masks, deliver food, electronic device delivery
- Connecting with IEMA for support of alternate care sites
- Gathering medical training information from volunteer database in Chicago and Peoria areas
- Feeding Illinois referred excess volunteer to them (Thanks!)

Latter-day Saint Charities

- Contact James Zinn
- Able to provide volunteers to assist as needed for food banks or pantries
- Able to provide facilities for blood drives (only) at this time
- Able to provide hygiene kits as needed

American Red Cross

- Contact is Sheryl Puracchio
- Need for blood donations. Sign up at redcrossblood.org.
 - Easily search for blood drives in your local area
- Need for volunteers. Sign up at redcross.org
- Supporting emergency managers with virtual EOC meetings
- Providing virtual shelter training as requested

The Salvation Army

- Contact is Rosann Rustia for Central Territory
- Building 1,500-2,000 food boxes per week for homeless shelters in Chicago area
 - Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4dadab2aa3f94-food>
 - **Need volunteers to work in Elk Grove Village**

South of I-70 Members

Rotary International

- Contact is Joe Miller
- Planning stages for drop-and-knock operations

Between I-70 and I-80 Members

Midwest Mission Distribution Center

- Contact Chantel Corrie
- Received shipment of hygiene kits and can make them available where needed

North of I-80 Members

Zakat Foundation of America

- Contact is Zebiba Jibreel
- Distributed gloves to two community hospitals

Northeast Illinois COAD

- Contact Joy Medrano
- Many thanks to those who donated care kits especially Chantel Corrie from Midwest Mission and Sabeen Shamsi from Integrated Solutions Consulting. Those kits will be stored at Lutheran Social Services of Illinois located near O'Hare airport. If you need some, you can contact Joy Medrano to come and pick some up.
- If you would like to provide meals for PADS Northwest Cook County, sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4aaaaa23a0ff2-journeys>
- There is a need for 100 surgical caps.
 - Pattern can be found at: <https://theunderweardrawer.blogspot.com/2006/03/make-your-own-scrub-cap-or-how-to-be.html?fbclid=IwAR0yyWq3WQC38uqacOKQn5v77NcVg4emZNQwRQahXPfb7tzVsl6fCdSqzG0>
 - Please sent them to: Sheryl Puracchio

Next Coordination Call: Thursday, April 2 at 9:30 AM CDT
Contact information will be sent to members via e-mail.