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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**.*

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Government Partners

Illinois Emergency Management Agency

- Contact Michelle Hanneken
- State re-opening plan can be found at <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/>
- Concerns with how we will respond to natural disasters in light of the current environment, including our ability to operate a MARC
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website (<http://helpillinoisfamilies.com/>)
 - Find Community Action Agencies that may be able to assist with housing, food, or other needs

FEMA Region V

- Contact is Christine Meissner (new to the VAL Team)
- Mini-webinar series tomorrow
 - Topic is collaborating with your state partners
 - Speaker is Robb Morford of FEMA
 - Friday, May 8, 2020 at 1:00 PM CDT
- Crisis Counseling Program (DR-4489) POC is Jeannie Moran
- Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) is still at a Level 2.

Champaign County Emergency Management

- Contact John Dwyer
- Outbreak in county related to a pork processing plant
 - 800 workers at a plant in Rantoul, Illinois
 - 130 tested so far with 49 cases identified
- Many impacted are multi-cultural, undocumented migrants
 - Concerned for short-term and long-term need
- How do we do something virtually to get help to those impacted (e.g., a Virtual MARC)?
 - Housing and food
 - Other services?

Decision to hold a separate call to specifically address this request.

- **Call will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at 1:00 PM CDT**
- Recent mass care exercised addressed the needs of undocumented workers
- We should include Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)
- We should include Champaign County Health Department
- On the follow-up call, let's discuss:
 - What is possible?
 - Which members can assist?
 - How could support be provided?
 - How to be sensitive to the fears of undocumented individuals in seeking help?

- Send any input on the agenda for the meeting to voadillinois@gmail.com
- The Salvation Army in Champaign County offered assistance with feeding
 - POC is Major Randy Summit at 217-278-9213

DuPage County Emergency Management

- Contact is John Nebi
- EOC staffed M-F 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM with 24-hour duty officer available
- No need for assistance from VOAD members at this time
- Main activities are PPE donation and distribution (in conjunction with DuPage County Health Department)
- PIOs supporting DuPage County Health Department for a month, but have returned to regular duty
- Assisting with Alternative Housing at Wheaton College for first responders and healthcare workers
 - 3-4 residents currently
 - Salvation Army providing meals
 - Some requests from citizens for alternative housing

Kane County Emergency Management

- Contact is Deb Dortmund
- Closed public PPE donation site due to low activity
 - Future donations will be picked up by office
- Moving 200 Hessed House residents from alternative shelter next week
 - Some will not be able to return and will need to find other arrangements

LaSalle County Emergency Management

- Contact Connie Brooks
- **Primarily looking for gowns**
 - Using ponchos as an alternative for disposable gowns
- First responder PPE distribution yesterday with 263,000 pieces handed out
- Health department reporting increased cases in long-term health facilities
- Encouraging first responders to re-establish their own PPE supply chains

VOAD Members

Team Rubicon

- Contact Ashley Slover for Northern Illinois
- Contact Lucy Loftus for Central Illinois
- Supporting food operations with Catholic Charities in Chicagoland area
- Supporting PPE donations and distributions in the Chicagoland area
- Supporting some logistics at McCormick Place Alternate Care site
- Starting a new operation with St. Vincent de Paul for food operations
- Members or Partners who need help can submit their request at <https://bit.ly/2KcQF5F> and Team Rubicon will assess their ability to help

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

- Contact is Joe Butkovich for Diocese of Joliet
- Contact is Susan Wiland for Rockford Council
- Challenge in finding housing options for families and financial support
 - Landlords are reluctant to rent without larger security due to inability to evict right now
 - Most prevent in Chicagoland counties

American Red Cross

- Contact is Charlotte Hazel
- Operating in a virtual environment to support partners with virtual shelter training, partner options for resources to support their operations as well as being a part of their virtual EOC operations
- Continue to work with our local fire department personnel to make sure that those persons who've been impacted by home fires get the necessary housing and financial assistance that supports their recovery
- Fielding requests from emergency management partners to help with PPE, portable shower and laundry units for alternate housing facilities as well as cots, blankets, comfort kits etc.
- Please reach out if you have any needs in which the Red Cross or their partners can support
- Still in need of blood donations and encourage anyone wishing to help to go to redcrossblood.org for more information

Illinois Baptist State Association

- Contact is Butch Porter
- Laundry unit placed at YMCA in Chicago
- Shower trailer placed in Aurora to support returning Hessed House residents
- Assisting with PPE distribution in Chicago

Kankakee County COAD

- 11,700 masks distributed to senior citizens in Kankakee county
- 90 N95 masks and gloves distributed to workers

**Next Coordination Call: Thursday, May 21 at 9:30 AM CDT
Contact information will be sent to members and partners via e-mail.**