



# Illinois Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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## Disaster Response Coordination Call

Thursday, May 21, 2020

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

### Situation Update

- Governor JB Pritzker [issued a state disaster proclamation](#) for Grundy, Pike, Scott, and Morgan counties in response to flooding along the Illinois River, joining several disaster proclamations for the COVID-19 situation
- National Guard activated to assist in response to flooding and IEMA initiating sandbagging operations
- Northeast Illinois COAD survey on virtual resource recovery survey will be shared with all Illinois VOAD members
  - We request a quick response so we can assess what resources are available
  - Results will be shared publicly
- Some insurance companies are threatening to cancel policies for faith-based partners who violate local Stay-at-Home orders

### Government Partners

#### Illinois Emergency Management Agency

- Contact Michelle Hanneken
- State EOC remains activated and now responding to flooding as well as COVID-19
- Surveying resources that state agencies can offer in a virtual environment

#### Kane County Emergency Management

- Contact is Deb Dortmund
- Minimal flooding issues at this time
- Continue to deliver PPE and MREs as requested

#### DuPage County Emergency Management

- Contact is Tony Serici
- Some local flooding, but stormwater management was able to mitigate
- EOC staffed M-F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with 24-hour duty officer available at 630-682-7207
- Supporting the DuPage County Health Department
  - PPE donation and distribution
  - Assisting with Alternative Housing at Wheaton College for first responders and healthcare workers

## **FEMA Region V**

- Contact Jeannie Moran
- Kim Johnson is POC for long-term recovery support
- Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) is still at a Level 2
- Focused on donations management and working with states on PPE issues, navigating Crisis Counseling Program, and responding under COVID-19
- Two major dams broke in Michigan causing an evacuation of 10,000 people in Central Michigan
- Developed a national VOAD tracker to help facilitate interstate response, if needed

## **VOAD Members**

### **American Red Cross**

- Contact is Charlotte Hazel
- Sheltering some clients in alternative housing (hotels) and feeding from local food partners
- Fielding many requests for clean-up kits and laundry support from emergency management partners
- Evaluating potential for evacuations and the potential demand for alternative housing

### **Team Rubicon**

- Contact Ashley Slover for Northern Illinois
- Contact Lucy Loftus for Central Illinois
- Supporting PPE donations and distributions in the Chicagoland area
- Monitoring flooding needs and balancing the PPE needs for responding to flooding and COVID-19
- 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
- Working on a plan for a COVID response to flooding
- Assembling financial donations for Cultivadores

### **Illinois Baptist State Association**

- Contact is Bev Laechelt
- Deployed two laundry units in Chicago area
- Distributing bleach at 13 locations statewide
- Delivering food boxes within 13 counties in southern Illinois
- Distributing paper products and batteries statewide
- Supporting Cultivadores with diapers, a freezer unit, and food donations through Eastern Illinois Foodbank
- Receiving 10 pallets of cloth face coverings for Illinois distributions

### **Northeast Illinois COAD**

- Contact Joy Medrano
- Flooding reporting in Cook and Lake counties
- Working to determine capacity to a COVID response to flooding needs

**Next Coordination Call: Thursday, June 4 at 9:30 AM CDT**  
**Contact information will be sent to members and partners via e-mail.**