



Official Public Response Regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus)

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Central Illinois Foodbank is continuously monitoring ongoing developments in our region as they pertain to COVID-19 (coronavirus). We are adhering to recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Illinois Department of Public Health, Feeding America and Feeding Illinois. These recommendations are in regard to personal hygiene, food bank operations and other concerns.

We are working closely with our community partners to ensure that all are who in need of food will continue to have timely access to it. As of right now, our mission critical operations are continuing as normal. We are working to identify if and how those operations could best ensure overall public health and safety while serving the needs of people in our communities. We are informing our staff, volunteers and guests about safe hygiene practices, as well as following a heightened cleaning schedule.

Fulfilling our mission amidst such challenging conditions adversely impacts the cost of our operations. We urge those interested in supporting the Foodbank at this time to provide monetary donations rather than food donations. The best way to donate is through our website at [www.centralilfoodbank.org](http://www.centralilfoodbank.org).

In these uncertain times, the Foodbank is committed to continuing our mission to provide food, and develop awareness of and creative solutions for food insecurity in the 21 counties we serve throughout central and southern Illinois.

We recommend that our partners, friends and people we serve also follow the CDC's recommended guidelines to limit the spread of this virus. You can find those guidelines here: [CDC Steps to Prevent Coronavirus Illness](#).

We will closely follow this situation as it continues to unfold and will provide any needed updates in the coming days and weeks. Thank you for your continued support of Central Illinois Foodbank.

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