

COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

*Summary of Nonprofit/Community Needs
(based on 3/16, 3/17 conference calls and nonprofit survey)*

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, United Way of Sheboygan County sent out a needs assessment survey, open to all nonprofit agencies and social sector serving organizations, in Sheboygan County, and hosted two conference calls with nonprofit and social sector leadership earlier this week.

United Way will continue to host weekly calls with nonprofit and social sector serving organizations every Tuesday at 9 a.m. To get information about the calls and COVID-19 updates, visit <http://bit.ly/COVID19NonprofitSupport> and/or join the email list: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/bkD1KDR/COVID19NONPROFIT>.

United Way is committed to serving as the hub for information regarding nonprofit needs and support.

Currently the top issues identified from the survey and ensuing conversations are: food access and security, child care, financial assistance (rent/mortgage/bill/utility payments), and health.

Food Access and Security

Food Pantries are remaining open; however, pick up times and method may have been altered due to the pandemic. Most pantries are assembling packages of food and having outdoor pick up stations. Paperwork and required forms to access food at the pantries are being waived at most pantries. A link to the food pantry calendar is located on both the Salvation Army's and/or Food Bank's websites.

- **Sheboygan County Food Bank:** <https://sheboygancountyfoodbank.com/find-help/>
- **Salvation Army:** <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/sheboygan/news/responding-to-the-coronavirus/>
- **March Food Pantry Calendar PDF:** https://s3.amazonaws.com/usc-cache.salvationarmy.org/89eb1c35-3999-4b90-b8df-0715945a6bdd_March+Food+Calendar+Revised+03-16-20.pdf

The **Sheboygan County Food Bank** is delivering 14-days' worth of food to the pantries, including hygiene items. They are also working with the Sheboygan Area School District to continue the supplemental weekend program.

The **Salvation Army Sheboygan** has made additional changes to their food pantry calendar to accommodate more community members and eliminate barriers. Starting next week our pantry will no longer require appointments, instead we will hold open pantry 2-3 times each week. Any community member in need can visit an open pantry and receive 2-3 weeks of food in pre-packed bags.

Meals on Wheels is delivering meals once a week, starting in the outlying areas and moving in toward the city. They are providing five to seven days' worth of meals to clients. They have also set up strict protocols for volunteers who are delivering meals to ensure the safety of their clients and volunteers. They are not turning anyone away.

All the county's **senior meal locations** have closed for the time being.

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Many Sheboygan County school districts are providing breakfast and lunch options for youth. Specific information is listed below (for the most updated information, visit each school district's website):

Cedar Grove-Belgium: Meals provided to any child 18-years-old or younger (does not need to be a CGBSD student). Packed lunches will be provided March 18 and 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and will begin again on March 30. Meal Site is the main entrance of the middle school and the Belgium Fire Department (east entrance), 195 Commerce Street.

Plymouth: Breakfast and lunch will be packed and available for pickup to any school-age child living within the district, starting March 18 until school resumes, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. The meals will not be available during spring break (March 23-27). Pickup locations are at Plymouth High School and Parkview Elementary School. Complete the following survey to help the district plan accordingly: <http://bit.ly/PSDmeals>.

Sheboygan Area: Available to all children 18 and younger; children must be present to receive the meals. No meals will be offered during spring break (March 23-27). Meal pickup began on March 17, 7:30 – 11 a.m. at the following locations:

- Cooper, 2014 Cooper Avenue
- Grant, 1528 North 5th Street
- Jackson, 2530 Weeden Creek Road
- Jefferson, 1515 Heller Avenue
- Longfellow, 819 Kentucky Avenue
- James Madison, 2302 David Avenue
- Pigeon River, 3508 North 21st Street
- Sheridan, 1412 Maryland Avenue
- North High School, 2926 North 10th Street
- South High School, 1240 Washington Ave

The SASD has partnered with the food bank to provide two additional pantry sites at North and South High Schools during the meal pick up times.

Sheboygan Falls: Breakfasts and lunches will be available to all children 18 and younger, starting March 19, 11 a.m.-noon, at the Elementary/Middle School campus bus lot. Children must be present to receive meals. Meals will not be offered during spring break (March 23-27).

Random Lake: Breakfast and lunch will be distributed March 18, 12-4 p.m. in front of the school/district office, and again on March 19, 11 a.m. -noon at four locations, and 12-4 p.m. at the district office. Two days' worth of meals will be provided. The four meal site locations are:

- Bus lane at the school
- Silver Creek Fire Department
- Adell Fire Department
- Random Lake Rod and Gun Club

Information about meal options will be coming soon from the following districts:

- Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah
- Howards Grove
- Kohler
- Oostburg

Child Care

Family Connections is keeping an up-to-date database of all licensed childcare facilities in the county to determine which centers have closed, which centers are remaining open, and the capacity for open centers. The governor has waived some of the regulations surrounding childcare during the pandemic to allow quicker access to care for families.

Anyone interested in knowing which childcare centers are open should call the Child Care Resource and Referral number at 920-886-1211.

Gov. Tony Evers directed DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm on to restrict the size of all child care settings on March 18. Centers may not operate with more than 10 staff present at a time and may not operate with more than 50 children present at a time. This order can be found [here](#).

The restriction in size goes into effect at 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, to give child care providers and families time to make plans. The closure will remain in effect until [Executive Order #72](#), declaring COVID-19 a health emergency, is suspended.

To aid local response to this emergency order, DHS has developed a [template press release](#) to get information out to their jurisdiction.

Lakeshore Community Health Clinic is working with the Primary Care Association is working to ensure healthcare professionals have access to childcare.

[Care.com](#) is an available resource for families as well.

Financial Assistance (rent/mortgage/bill/utility payments)

Salvation Army is continuing to accept and house homeless individuals and have a capacity of 45 beds. With the closure of the Mead Public Library, there is a concern of where homeless individuals will go during the day, as many utilized the library. Emergency housing is an ongoing conversation.

Salvation Army also provides emergency utility assistance to individuals. Information is available here: <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/sheboygan/emergency-utility-assistance/>.

Safe Harbor is not changing their services.

Health

The **PATH** (Providing Access To Healing) program is planning to continue services with students through telehealth services, when possible. Students will be hearing from the program in the coming weeks as services move to a virtual format.

Mental Health America of Sheboygan County is assembling a resource guide for mental health support and how to access mental health services through telehealth.

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Continue to follow the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to protect your own health and the health and safety of everyone in our community. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Volunteers

During this time, volunteers are still needed. Agencies that need volunteers are encouraged to utilize the Volunteer Center of Sheboygan County: https://volunteersheboygan.galaxydigital.com/aem/general/event/?doc_id=5875.

United Way has created a special section for volunteer opportunities specific to COVID-19 needs and is assembling information regarding best practice protocols to be shared out soon.

United Way of Sheboygan County has been actively monitoring the development of COVID-19 in Sheboygan County. We anticipate that volunteer programs and services in our communities may be modified in response to COVID-19, which will impact volunteer needs in the near future.

Our goal is to take steps to best support the needs in our communities.

If you have questions on how to share a volunteer opportunity through the volunteer center, email Lee Anne Raleigh at leeanne@uwofsc.org.

Other

There is a concern for the health and wellbeing of the elderly population, and we plan to discuss at a future meeting.

With social distancing and quarantines, there is the potential for an increase in domestic violence and child abuse/neglect. Safe Harbor will be sharing resources via social media regarding these issues.

Ongoing Support

The staff and board of United Way of Sheboygan County is committed to serving the community by convening these conversations and collaborating across sectors to create/find solutions.

We are grateful to have such a strong social sector in Sheboygan County answering the needs of our friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors across the county.

Questions?

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For immediate questions regarding COVID-19, contact our local public health department at 920-459-0321.