

Good Samaritan Food Pantry

COVID-19 Update March 29, 2020

In our continuing effort to keep the pantry open, starting immediately we will be going to an A team-B team concept. You will be assigned to one team or the other and will only be able to be at the pantry on your team's designated day.

Why are we doing this? In order to understand why this is necessary, you need to understand how an infected person could affect the entire pantry workforce. We have multiple people working at the pantry just about anytime the pantry is open. If I am at the pantry anytime it is open and I either get sick or come in contact with a known Covid-19 victim, myself and anyone I have been in contact with will have to go into isolation for 14 days. This could involve anyone I have been in contact with for the past 14 days. That results in the pantry having to close due to a lack of workers.

How will this work? We will have 2 teams, a Wednesday team and a Saturday team. The Wednesday team will be at the pantry on Tuesdays to receive produce trucks, stock shelves and food bank pickups, and on Wednesdays no earlier than 12:30, to serve clients. The Saturday team will be at the pantry on Wednesday and Friday mornings to receive our Aldi direct retail pickup and on Saturdays no earlier than 9:00 to serve clients. We should still be attempting to use the minimum number of workers to accomplish the task. **If it is not your team's day and time to be at the pantry, you CANNOT be at the church.** You should also not be around anyone from the other team while away from the pantry. If we completely keep the 2 teams separated, the pantry should be able to remain open if one of our teams has to go into isolation. Should this occur we would probably need to reduce our serving hours further.

Furthermore, if it is not one of these designated work timeframes, there is no reason to be at the Church. Pastor Ruth and her leadership team have closed the church to all activity except Food Pantry and Sufficient Grace activities. This also means that no one except workers from these 2 groups should be in the church at any time.

At this time we don't have any of our Sunday packing teams that create a crossover problem, so there should not be any change to the Sunday packing teams.