

State Representative Karina Villa District 49 News

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ACCESS TO FOOD



Thank you

The COVID-19 pandemic and our state response has been a challenge for all of District 49. I am so proud of the way our community has come together to support each other and accommodate the changes to our daily routines. Thank you to those of you who are at work in an essential role, keeping our store shelves stocked, caring for those of us who are ill, watching our children, keeping our infrastructure working smoothly, and so many more. Thank you also to everyone who has listened to recommendations to social distance yourselves and quickly found ways to accommodate public closures and the need to work from home. Today's letter will address food access for District 49. Please continue to care for each other and know that my virtual office is open and available to you for any needs you might have at this time.

Buy Kind

There is **plenty** of food if everyone practices common-sense and returns to normal shopping patterns. As an example, if you typically shop on Thursdays, get what you need for the one week and return the next week on Thursday to do the same thing. Do not shop for the next three weeks. There is ZERO need for hoarding. Hoarding is creating a problem that doesn't need to exist. The governor has promised that grocery stores will stay open and that people will be allowed free access to necessities. Simply practice good hygiene and social-distancing when you shop – things we should under any circumstance. Wash your hands before and after you go shopping, sneeze into your arm and do an elbow to elbow greeting when you see someone you know.

In addition, please be mindful of purchasing items designated for the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program. If there is another choice where you see a WIC approved item, please opt for that item. Participants of the WIC program *cannot* substitute.



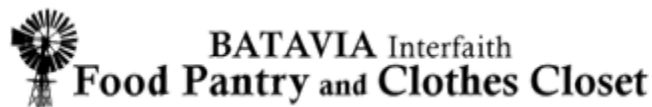
Illinois Retail Merchants Association-

The Illinois Retail Merchants Association (IRMA) issued the following statement urging consumers to practice normal shopping routines and avoid stockpiling amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

“It’s imperative for everyone to maintain their normal shopping routine to ensure the safety of our employees, fellow customers and your neighbors. IRMA has worked closely with state officials to ensure regulatory obstacles to restocking shelves are removed so consumers can access items they may need during this public health crisis. The retail industry is working around the clock to ensure its customers throughout Illinois will have the products it needs for you, your families and businesses. Our members in the grocery, pharmacy, convenience, hardware, restaurant, and every type of retail business, manage supply and demand chain needs on a constant basis which is a hallmark of this industry,” *said Rob Karr, president & CEO, IRMA.*

Food Pantries

In this time of high need the first priority at our local food pantries is addressing your immediate need for food. If possible, please bring an ID and a utility bill for proof of residency. Please make an effort to visit a food pantry in your local area. Below you will find the locations, contact information, and hours of food pantries serving the 49th district.



Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry : serving residents of Batavia and Batavia Township

100 Flinn St Batavia 60510

(630) 879-3784

bataviafoodpantry.org

- Tuesdays: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- Wednesdays: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- Thursdays: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- Friday Mornings: 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Friday Afternoon (Pantry Overstock Only): 1:00pm - 2:00pm
 - Overstock: Produce, Bakery, Deli, Meat, Misc. Items only



Salvation Army of St Charles: serving residents of St. Charles, Geneva, and Batavia

1710 S 7th Ave St Charles 60174

630-377-2769

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/tricity/>

- Monday -Friday: 10am-2pm
- AND Tuesdays: 5pm-7pm
- Bread Distributions Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30am



Neighborhood Food Pantry at Fremont

123 Fremont Street West Chicago

630-293-4958

<http://www.neighborhoodfp.org/index.php?m=2&s=33>

- Mon: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Produce Only) and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Wed: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (Produce Only) and 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Thurs: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (Produce Only) and 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (Produce Only) and 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Sat: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (Produce Only) and 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon



Neighborhood Food Pantries at Resurrection

30W350 Army Trail Road Wayne 60184

630-289-2510

<http://www.neighborhoodfp.org/index.php?m=2&s=33>

- Mon: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Tues: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Thurs: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Sat: 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry

834 N Highland Ave, Aurora 60506

(630) 897-5431

<http://mariewilkinsonfoodpantry.org/need-help/>

- West Pantry @ 834 N. Highland Ave. Aurora IL
 - Wednesdays 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Seniors, Disabled & Veterans only)
 - Fridays 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (General Public)
- East Pantry @ 801 Zeigler Ave. Aurora IL (EAS Door #33)
 - Saturdays 8:30 am – 11:00 am (General Public)



Loaves and Fishes Community Services: Serving Dupage Residents

1871 High Grove Ln, Naperville 60540

(630) 355-3663

<https://www.loaves-fishes.org/>

- Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-12pm
- Saturday: 8am-11:30am



Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to Meals on Wheels clients in Kane and DuPage counties. Please note, some types of meals must be delivered inside the home. Frozen meals may not be left on doorsteps. Healthy people only, please, as we are working with an extremely vulnerable population and will be entering homes and apartments.

- Volunteers must have their own car and be symptom free
- Volunteers must be able to pick-up prepared meals in Lombard at 1990 Springer Drive
- Volunteers must have dedicated 4 hour time slots available to do deliveries
- Up to 2 people may deliver together
- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes WILL NOT be provided (Meals on Wheels does not have enough supply)
- Volunteers must be comfortable entering homes to deliver food
- \$20 gas cards are available (email maurahirschauer@gmail.com for details on cards)

Please call 630-746-0909 or email info@kaneseniorencouncil.org or info@dupageseniorencouncil.org



Senior Shopping Hours as of 3/20/20

Aldi - Tues & Thurs 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Jewel - Tues & Thurs 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Meijer - Tues & Thurs 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Target, each Wednesday for the first hour

WalMart - Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 a.m.