

State Representative Karina Villa

District 49 News

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# Food Assistance During COVID-19



## Checking In

Hello everyone, and I hope you are all well. The very first subject I addressed in my newsletters through our COVID-19 communications was making sure that everyone received the help they needed to keep food on the table. Today I want to check in and offer a few new resources I've been made aware of since our first newsletter.

Thank you to all the local organizers coordinating donated meals for essential workers, vulnerable neighbors, and isolated family. Please continue to support each other and I will continue to support these efforts as best I can.

If you are looking for help and resources I encourage you to reach out to the resources you'll find in this newsletter or to my office staff. The fastest way to get the appropriate response is to fill out a quick constituent contact form on my website [here.](#)

## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefit Information

SNAP is the largest federal nutrition assistance program. SNAP provides benefits to eligible low-income individuals and families via an Electronic Benefits Transfer card. This card can be used like a debit card to purchase eligible food in authorized retail food stores. If you are interested in more information or applying for SNAP benefits, please contact the Care Coordination Unit in your county.

If you are a SNAP recipient who receives less than the monthly maximum SNAP allotment for your household size, you will receive supplemental emergency SNAP allotment to bring you up to the maximum benefit in April and May 2020.

April 2020 emergency allotments will be made available to active SNAP households on or before April 20, 2020. May 2020 emergency allotments will be made available around the same date the emergency allotment was received in April.

For more information, click [here](#).

## Local Food Pantries

<a href="#">Northern IL Food Bank</a>	273 Dearborn Court Geneva	630-443-6910
<a href="#">Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry</a>	100 Flinn St Batavia	<a href="#">(630) 879-3784</a>
Salvation Army St Charles	1710 S 7th Ave St Charles	630-377-2769
<a href="#">WeGo Together Community Market</a>	Leman Middle School 238 E Hazel WeGo	(630) 682-5402 X215
Neighborhood Food Pantries at Fremont	123 Fremont Street West Chicago	630-293-4958
Church of Christ Food Pantry	350 E James Ave West Chicago	630-231-2062
Neighborhood Food Pantries at Resurrection	30W350 Army Trail Road Wayne	630-289-2510
Bartlett Baptist Church	1500 W. Stearns Road Bartlett	630-830-9888
<a href="#">South Elgin Food Pantry</a>	400 W Spring Street South Elgin	(847) 931-0563
<a href="#">Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry</a>	834 N Highland Ave Aurora	(630) 897-5431
<a href="#">Loaves and Fishes Community Services</a>	1871 High Grove Ln Naperville	(630) 355-3663

Wayne Township General Assistance- Food Pantry	27W031 North Avenue West Chicago	(630) 231-7173
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## Senior Services

Making sure older adults receive the nutrition they need during the Coronavirus pandemic is a top priority in Illinois. We want to ensure the health, safety and welfare of older adults during this time. Because of this, the home delivered meals program is being expanded to include anyone who is 60 and older. Meals are available on a temporary basis until further notice. There is a Care Coordination Unit in each county that can help you sign up for meals. To receive meals yourself or learn more about getting meals for a loved one, click [here](#).

During the shelter in place order, select Community Dining locations are providing carry out meals for older adults. If you are interested in carry-out meals, contact the Care Coordination Unit in your county to register for the program. Call your preferred Community Dining location and reserve a meal (Participants must be registered in the program and make a reservation for a meal in advance).

Any older adult who is concerned about accessing food or experiencing other issues during this unprecedented event, is encouraged to reach out to the Care Coordination Unit in their county for assistance.

If you or a senior you know are experiencing food insecurity or are in need of any other kind of assistance, I encourage you to visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/aging> or contact IDoA's senior helpline at 1-800-252-8966, or 1-888-206-1327 for the hearing impaired.

## Senior Shopping Hours

Many grocery stores have set aside hours of services for vulnerable populations. For more information please visit the Illinois Retail Merchant's Website [here](#).

## Raising Kane County

Raising Kane County is a local initiative to connect volunteers and donors with opportunities to help. You can use this [form](#) to either volunteer or request aid.

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