

THCA COVID-19 PLAN

Dear THCA staff, volunteers, and clients,

With recent confirmation of cases in Georgia and metro Atlanta of COVID 19, we are working hard to implement precautions that will help protect our guests, volunteers and staff from infection.

VOLUNTEERS/GUESTS EACH WEEK

At the present time we are wiping down chairs, tables, carts, doorknobs, multiple times a day. Gloves, tissues, wipes and hand sanitizers are available for volunteers. Temperatures are being taken for all volunteers before they enter the building. Guests must wear masks and may be asked to use sanitizer.

We encourage everyone to take the following precautions as recommended by the CDC to protect yourself and those around you

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen.
- avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- clean and disinfect surfaces.
- get a flu shot if you have not already.
- maintain a distance of six feet from others (social distancing).

Volunteers should not come to Toco Hills Community Alliance if they are:

- experiencing a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing or are otherwise ill
- have been exposed to an individual with COVID 19
- or have any condition or status that may make you more susceptible to serious complications if you contract COVID 19. Older adults and persons with underlying health conditions are considered to be at increased risk for severe illness and complications from COVID19.

As you know, we are dependent on volunteers to operate. If you are not able to come at your scheduled time, please email Jacky@toco hillsalliance.org.

For official, up-to-date, and practical information on the COVID-19 outbreak please access the pages maintained by the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> and the Georgia Department of Health <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>.

GUESTS OF TOCO HILLS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Beginning 3/17/20, guests will not be permitted to come into the building, and we will have limited volunteers and staff in the building.

FOOD PANTRY

Beginning 3/17/20, we will begin distributing food at the pantry as pre-packed “express bags/boxes” available at the side entrance on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We should all strive to follow the precautions indicated above.

PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR. NO SMOKING OR VAPING WHILE IN LINE TO GET YOUR FOOD. MAKE SURE YOUR TRUNK IS EMPTY AND THE TRUNK OPEN. WE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO GET IN YOUR CAR - IT IS SAFER THIS WAY. YOU WILL COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION WITH A THCA REPRESENTATIVE THEN DRIVE UP TO THE SIDE DOOR AND A VOLUNTEER WILL PLACE YOUR BOX IN THE TRUNK OF YOUR CAR.

YOU MUST NOT LINE UP IN YOUR CARS BEFORE NOON. WE HAVE DELIVERIES COMING IN AND THIS WILL HINDER GETTING FOOD INTO THE BUILDING FOR DISTRIBUTION.

OUR HOURS OF OPERATION WILL STILL BE 1 PM TO 4 PM.

Hunger in Atlanta during COVID 19 Crisis

The Atlanta Journal Constitution recently wrote an article about the issue of hunger increasing in the midst of the COVID 19 crisis. Toco Hills Community Alliance is featured in the last few paragraphs.

[As pandemic lingers, fears grow that more families forced to go hungry](#)

Please join with us in helping address this pressing issues - go to our [PARTICIPATE](#) for how to do so.