



Greetings!

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry knows the importance of our organization to those individuals in local communities who utilize our services. As such, we are doing everything we possibly can to keep our clients, volunteers and staff as safe as possible from the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We have integrated the following measures in the operations of our Pantry:

- First and foremost, we are (currently and always) following the health and safety guidelines provided to us by the Northern IL Food Bank, which is a partner under Feeding America. We appreciate the assistance they provide ... now and always!
- Disinfecting all grocery carts after each use, whether by a volunteer, staff or client. Although this is a standard practice, we have increased the frequency of disinfecting the carts during this time.
- Food Recovery Volunteers are required to use disposable gloves while sorting fresh produce and bakery donations. If a volunteer or staff touches their face at any time during the sorting process, a new pair of gloves will be provided.
- Ensuring hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes are available in every space around the Pantry. Please use these generously. Clients are also asked to use the hand sanitizer as well. Masks will be provided for those volunteers, staff and clients who would like to utilize them.
- Safe handwashing for 20 seconds is critical. We are ensuring all volunteers and staff wash their hands frequently during their work shift.
- Regular sanitation practices such as wiping down surfaces, floors, shelves, office equipment, freezers and refrigerators will continue as normal with increased frequency.
- There is no indication that COVID-19 can be transferred through food. However, it will pass from one individual to another via hard surfaces.

It is our sincere mission to ensure the safety and well-being of all who are part of our Pantry and mean so much to our team, which is why we are enhancing the above procedures and taking all precautions possible. Please do your part ... if you are not feeling well, please call and let us know you will be unable to work your shift. It is more important for you to stay home so germs are not spread to others (COVID-19 or otherwise).

We do not know how this story will end. In the meantime, we will continue to follow extreme measures for health and safety until we learn otherwise. Our Team at the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry continues to discuss the best way to keep up with this everchanging situation, and an adjustment to our operations may be necessary at some point in the coming weeks. We will be sure to keep everyone posted.

Be well and God Bless!

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