



## CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19

### *Prevent the Spread of Virus at Food Distribution Sites*

Eastern Illinois Foodbank is monitoring Coronavirus / COVID 19 using information provided by the CDC, State of Illinois and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District. Our goal, as it also is with Flu and Cold Viruses, is to continue to remain proactive and take the recommended precautions by these agencies to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and other Viruses throughout our food distribution network. The recommended practices are already being used by Eastern Illinois Foodbank as part of our normal course of work to ensure that we can balance the prevention of spreading the virus while also feeding those who are hungry.

### *Prevention at Food Distribution Sites - Primary Methods*

Use the same preventative strategies for Coronavirus / COVID-19 as used during the flu and cold seasons. Clients, Volunteers and Staff should:

***Wash your hands often*** and prior to coming to the distribution site with warm water and soap for 20 seconds. If using hand sanitizers, it should contain at least 60% alcohol.

***Cover coughs and sneezes*** with tissue paper or by coughing inside of your elbow. Step away from the distribution line if you need to cough or sneeze, or if at an inside site, step outside. Be sure to dispose of the tissue paper in trash can immediately.

***Social Distancing recommendations*** ask each household to only send 1 person to receive food at distribution site/line. Family members waiting for food assistance should wait outside or in the car. This will help decrease the amount of people in the distribution line while still allowing those who need food assistance to receive it.

***MOST IMPORTANT: if you are experiencing the following symptoms - Stay home until the symptoms have cleared and seek medical care (see [WWW. CDC.GOV/COVID19](http://WWW.CDC.GOV/COVID19) for more information)***

o Coughing, Sneezing and/or have a Fever

o If you need food assistance, please send someone on your behalf to receive your food and deliver it to you at your home

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