

## **Columbia Community Care FAQ's**

### **How can I help?**

We have a number of ways you can help us!

- Site volunteer
  - Sort and collect donations from Swansfield Elementary School in the morning (at 10:30) and take them to one of our 5 sites.
  - Set up and monitor the site, making sure the volunteers and families are following the CDC guidelines.
  - Pack up items at the end of the school lunch shift (1:30) and either hold for the next day or return leftover items and tables to Swansfield. (This process will soon be streamlined and items will remain at each location)
- Drivers
  - Drivers can help by collecting items from homes when people want to donate but can't get to the site.
  - Other drivers can take donated items to homebound individuals. (Drivers collect and deliver items to front porches and do not enter the homes of the individuals)
  - Drivers can shop for and deliver individual family orders (Drivers deliver items to front porches and do not enter the homes of the individuals)

### **How do I sign up to be a volunteer?**

Look for the Sign-up Genius under the Announcements tab on this FB page.

### **What can I donate?**

**Non-Perishable:** Pasta, pasta sauce, soup, bread, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, granola bars, cereal, rice, baby formula, potatoes, box milk, powdered milk, non dairy milks, rice, beans, quinoa,

macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, water, coffee, sugar, tea, flour, maseca, cooking oil, etc

**Perishable:** Cheese, fruit, eggs, veggies, meats, milk, butter

**Household items:** Paper towels, toilet paper, cleaners, soap, detergent, bleach, plastic ware, Lysol spray, Lysol wipes, disinfectants

**Personal Care items:** Tampons, sanitary napkins, toiletries, toothpaste, shampoo, all sizes diapers, baby wipes, soothers, baby bottles

**Kids' Activities:** Coloring books, toys, books, sports balls, educational activities, sidewalk chalk, play-doh

### **Do you accept expired items?**

No expired items will be accepted.

### **Do you accept clothing donations?**

At this time, we are not able to safely store, set up or sanitize clothing donations, so we are not accepting clothes.

### **I have items to donate, where/when should I take them?**

We have 5 sites where donations will be accepted **7 days a week.**

- Swansfield Elementary School
  - Donations accepted starting at 10:30am - 1:30pm
- Wilde Lake Middle School 11:30 - 1:30
- Howard High School 11:30 - 1:30
- Oakland Mills Middle School 11:30 - 1:30
- Lake Elkhorn Middle School 11:30 - 1:30

### **I have items to donate, but I can't leave my house, what should I do?**

Call or text 443- 583-4479 or email [ColumbiaCommunityCare@gmail.com](mailto:ColumbiaCommunityCare@gmail.com) with your address and we will send someone to collect your items.

### **How do I make a financial donation?**

We use the following donation apps:

Venmo @SraChav

CashApp \$SraChav

PayPal [morenita1623@yahoo.com](mailto:morenita1623@yahoo.com)

Cash donations can also be brought to any of the sites between 11:30 -1:30

### **I am in need of supplies, but I can't get to one of your sites, what do I need to do?**

Call or text 443- 583-4479 or email [ColumbiaCommunityCare@gmail.com](mailto:ColumbiaCommunityCare@gmail.com) with your address and what items you need and we will bring donations to your house.