

# Society of St. Andrew

GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS ~ FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY



March 23, 2020

## **The Society of St. Andrew's Response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) is a trusted community partner and has been for many years. All SoSA offices have maintained a strong commitment to ensuring only the best food is delivered to our recipients and partners.

SoSA's efforts related to acquiring, transporting, and/or distributing food for people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic are essential to the survival and health of community residents who lack the resources or ability to access food directly.

As such, senior leadership at SoSA is carefully monitoring developments regarding the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). We are staying informed on best practices and new developments as we continue our operations and distribute food to the people and communities we serve.

We're going to suspend all larger events that would bring large groups of people together **through May 31, 2020** and will reassess continually as new information regarding spread and threat of virus become available.

Smaller gleaning events will continue, with strict food safety standards and precautions in place.

We always request that anyone who is ill or has been exposed to illness plan to glean with us at a later time when they've returned to health. Additionally, gleaning groups will consist of less than 10 people and volunteers must agree to work 6 feet apart. (We ask that persons under 18 and over 65, as well as those with underlying medical conditions not glean with SoSA **between now and May 31, 2020.**)

Our organization has always implemented strict procedures regarding food safety. We take the safety of our staff, volunteers, and recipients very seriously as a part of standard operations. In light of current events, we are prepared to adapt and add additional steps to ensure all food and people are as safe as possible during this potential threat.

If you require additional information or have questions, please send your request via email to [info@endhunger.org](mailto:info@endhunger.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Lemmon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew Lemmon  
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