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The Society of St. Andrew’s Continued 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 maintained a strong commitment before this pandemic to ensuring only the best food is delivered to our recipients and partners and have diligently continued to do so, this past year.

SoSA’s efforts related to acquiring, transporting, and distributing food for people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic are essential to the 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) as efforts to end hunger have increased. We are staying informed on best practices as we continue operations— sharing food with people in communities we serve.

Please see below for our current practices for gleaning events and other occasions that bring together small groups of people. It is a priority to reassess continually as new information regarding the virus becomes available. (For local information, please contact your State Department of Health.)

We appreciate your willingness to serve and ask you abide our current gleaning guidelines:

- People who are immunocompromised, sick, fevers, or feeling ill are not allowed to glean.
- People with underlying medical conditions that might be exacerbated by volunteering outdoors while wearing face coverings, in the heat, are not allowed to glean.
- Number of gleaners at any event will be restricted in accordance with current reopening guidance in that state.
- Volunteers must wear face coverings (it is recommended to bring your own).
- Volunteers must wear gloves (it is recommended to bring your own).
- Volunteers must maintain a safe, social distance of 6ft. from each other, during events.
- Liability waivers must be completed and verified before any volunteer opportunity.
- Even if a volunteer, or staff member, has had COVID-19 and/or has received a vaccine(s) they must still comply with these guidelines at all SoSA events.

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.

If you require additional information or have questions, please send your request via email to info@endhunger.org.

Sincerely,

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