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The Society of St. Andrew Updated 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. In fact, the number of people seeking emergency food assistance has risen dramatically.

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 have suspended 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. (For local information, please contact your State Department of Health.)

Smaller gleaning events will continue, with strict food safety standards and precautions in place. **We appreciate your willingness but ask the following people do not glean at this time:**

- People 65 years and older
- People 12 years and younger
- People who are immunocompromised

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.**

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.

Sincerely,

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