

UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL OHIO

Community Response Fund

Supporting our neighbors in need during economic distress associated with COVID-19

Due to the wide-reaching impact of COVID-19, nonprofits in central Ohio that serve residents in need find themselves under-resourced to serve a growing demand for critical services.

United Way of Central Ohio and a coalition of partners are working with local nonprofits to identify critical needs and gaps in resources. These needs may include access to food and household essentials, child care, and keeping the community's safety net strong as this crisis continues.

Safeguards will be put in place to ensure these emergency funds are disseminated with urgency and used to support those who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Thanks to the support of our generous sponsors, the match pool is over \$250,000 and continues to grow.

Donate

Your generous contribution will support United Way's more than 80 nonprofit partners directly serving our neighbors in need facing economic distress associated with COVID-19. Thanks to our generous match sponsors, every donation will have a 50% match. Example: Every \$100 donated will be matched with an additional \$50 gift. Visit <http://www.liveunitedcentralohio.org> to give to the Community Response Fund.

Volunteer

Many of our community's senior citizens who volunteer are at risk for the COVID-19 virus. Our nonprofit partners will need to fill their spots in the coming weeks. To volunteer at a local nonprofit, visit Volunteer United. (<https://www.volunteerunitedcbus.org/>)

Resources

Are you in need of help? Call 2-1-1.

Free meals for children 18 and under

During the extended canceling of classes (through Friday, April 3), Columbus City Schools will offer meals for ALL children age 18 and under, Monday through Friday. The meals will be "grab and go" style, and kids will also be able to pick up lunch at breakfast or pick up the next day's breakfast at lunch. Also, per federal regulations, children 18 and under must be in attendance in order to pick up food. [Click here for a map and to find the location closest to you.](#)

Local Resources

- [Franklin County Public Health](#)
- [Columbus Public Health](#)
- **For local information, text COVID19FC to 888-777**

Ohio Department of Health

- [Ohio COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [How you can prevent and prepare](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- [COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Event preparedness](#)