

Below is updated information regarding resources available for children, families, and community. Please share as appropriate! Be in touch if I can be of any support as we find our way through these next weeks.

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### **Community Based Resources:**

\*The Northern Berkshire Community Coalition is open by appointment. Please call (413) 663-7588 to set up an appointment. For a listing of services please visit [www.nbccoalition.org](http://www.nbccoalition.org).

\*18 Degrees is also open at this time. They can be reached at (413) 448-8281 or [18degreesma.org](http://18degreesma.org). Their offices are located at 350 West Street, Pittsfield.

\*Multicultural BRIDGE, Main Street in Lee, is reaching out to connect people with resources. If you need support with food for your family or other essential supplies, please contact us by email [adminsupport@multiculturalbridge.org](mailto:adminsupport@multiculturalbridge.org). We are compiling a list of access points and will post them on our page and we also have private donors & volunteers willing to help.

The North Adams Public Library posted information on how residents can access library services while the library is closed to the public: <http://www.naplibrary.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/NAPL-closing-services.pdf>

### **Food/Meal pick up sites for students:**

#### Berkshire Hills Regional Hills

BHRSD will be preparing and sharing to-go meals (lunches and next day breakfasts) starting Tuesday March 17 from 11:30-12:30. Meals will be pick up/drive thru. Stay in your cars. Meals will be available at the following sites:

- Monument Valley Regional Middle School (in main loop)
- GB Fire Station (in back parking area)
- Housie Dome (front entrance)
- Stockbridge Town Hall (back entrance)
- West Stockbridge Town Hall (front entrance)

Please email [meals@bhrsd.org](mailto:meals@bhrsd.org) to let us know how many meals you want.

#### Adams

Meals will be available at the Hoosac Valley Elementary School site. All children 18 and under can pick up a grab and go breakfast and lunch package for free between the hours of 9:00-11:00 am, Monday through Friday, in the Hoosac Valley Elementary School cafeteria. Please go to the back door of the cafeteria near the playground to pick it up.

#### Lee

\*Lee Middle & High School: During the 2 weeks of no school, Lee Public Schools students can pick up a free grab-and-go breakfast/lunch on Mondays through Fridays. So we can plan ahead, we ask that you call or email the food service department at 413-243-0336 x3333 or [lunches@leepublicschools.net](mailto:lunches@leepublicschools.net) and leave a message with the student(s) name(s) the day before you plan on picking up meals. The grab-and-go meals can be picked up between 9:30 and 10:30 at the LES Cafeteria entrance (on the right side of the building).

\* From 51 Park Restaurant: Due to recent Berkshire County school closures and lack of access to school lunches, we will be offering free cheese pizza to children 14 and under next week from Monday through Friday between 11 - 2 PM. This will be offered for those dining in house with no additional purchase required. (\*one per child, per day).

#### Mount Greylock Regional School District

Mount Greylock Regional School District will be offering access to grab-and-go lunches Monday through Friday for the next three weeks. Meals will be available for pick-up at the Lanesborough Elementary School and Williamstown Elementary School main entrances between 9:30 and 10:30 each day. In an attempt to assist the district in planning, you are asked to:

Call or email the food service department the day before using the following:

\* Phone: (413) 458-9582 x1195

\* Email: [lunches@mgrhs.org](mailto:lunches@mgrhs.org)

\* Leave a message that includes the number of lunches you need and which school will be your pick-up location:

Lanesborough Elementary School or Williamstown Elementary School

\* Please identify the student name(s) for whom you are picking up meals.

\* In order to assist us in advance planning, please indicate whether you will be accessing this meal service over the remaining days.

#### North Adams

North Adams Public Schools is participating in Grab and Go style meals will be provided to all children without charge. Meals will be provided, at a first come, first serve basis, at the sites and times as follows. Children must be present to receive one breakfast and one lunch per day:

- \*Brayton Elementary School 3/16/20-4/3/20 Breakfast and Lunch 11-12
- \*Colegrove Park Elementary School 3/16/20-4/3/20 Breakfast and Lunch 11-12
- \* Mohawk Forest Apartments 3/17/20-4/3/20 Breakfast and Lunch 11- 12
- \*Greylock Valley Apartments 3/17/20-4/3/20 Breakfast and Lunch 11-12

### Pittsfield

Pittsfield Public Schools will be providing once-a-day grab-and-go breakfast and lunch packages to Pittsfield children. These nutritious grab-and-go food packages will be available between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm at the following sites in the City of Pittsfield:

- Morningside Community School (100 Burbank Street, Pittsfield)
- Conte Community School (200 West Union Street, Pittsfield)
- Dower Square Housing Village (253 Wahconah Street, Pittsfield)
- The Berkshire Family YMCA (292 North Street, Pittsfield)
- Gladys Brigham Center (165 East Street, Pittsfield, MA)
- Boys & Girls Club of the Berkshires (16 Melville Street)
- The Brattlebrook Apartments (April Lane, Pittsfield)

Christian Center: We are open 12 noon to 1 pm every day, Monday through Friday, to hand out bag lunches and food pantry bags

### **Community Food Pantry/Meal Sites**

\*The Berkshire Food Project will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week (3/16-3/20) for meal pick up only. Meals can be picked up at the breezeway doors between 11:30 AM and 1 PM. Two meals will be provided each day, to cover the days we are closed. All volunteer shifts are cancelled this week.

\*Friendship Food Pantry will be open on 3/18 from 10-2 & 3:30-5:30. (1) Pre-packaged box of food per household can be picked up at the front door, 45 Eagle Street. Watch for updates at [www.friendshipfoodpantry.org](http://www.friendshipfoodpantry.org)

Community Bible Church of Williamstown-Open this Wednesday, March 18th, 12:00-2:00. If there are emergency food needs call the church office at 458-5556 or Phyllis Babcock at 413-663-6094.

### ***This is a great time to support Feed It Forward at A-Ok and the Free Taco Board at Tres Ninos!***

The FoodBank of Western MA Mobile Food Pantries are STILL RUNNING. Same days, time and locations in North Berkshire at this point.

Free Saturday Lunches at First Baptist Church, North Adams will resume as take out only on Saturday, March 28th, 11:00am-12:30pm.

### ***Meals on Wheels is still running.***

Salvation Army Food Pantry, Tuesdays, 12:30-3pm. Please meet at front door to receive food.

Harper Center will continue to provide life support transportation options with the van-medical trips and food shopping fall into this category.

### **General Information**

BERKSHIRE HEALTH SYSTEMS HAS ESTABLISHED A TOLL-FREE HOTLINE FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). IT IS OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM SEVEN DAYS A WEEK - CALL 855-BMC-LINK, OR 855-262-5465

### **Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority Operations Policy**

Although the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority's (BCRHA) physical office space will be closed to the public, BCRHA staff will continue to work with households in need of assistance through telephone and video conferences, when possible. You may leave a message at the following number (413) 443-7138. This number will be checked periodically throughout each weekday. You can also go to BCRHA's website [www.bcrha.com](http://www.bcrha.com) to access our staff directory as well. P

[Mass211](http://Mass211) has set up a line to support residents throughout the ongoing response to COVID-19. Massachusetts residents can call 2-1-1 at any time for real-time COVID-19 information, resources and referrals in multiple languages.

MORE via Massachusetts Department of Public Health: <http://bit.ly/COVID211>

The Department of Public Utilities issued a moratorium to suspend all shut-offs of gas and electric utilities for residential customers during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. This action was taken to ensure that residential customers will continue to have electric and gas utility service during this state of emergency.

MassHealth has expanded eligibility and coverage in response to COVID19.

See <https://www.mass.gov/topics/masshealth> for more information.