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To: Maryland Volunteer Connectors

From: Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism

Date: April 2, 2020

Re: Volunteer Activities During Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

In compliance with the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, [Number 20-03-23-01](#), dated March 23, 2020, Amending and Restating the Order of March 19, 2020, Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Events and Closing Senior Centers, and Additionally Closing All Non-Essential Businesses and Other Establishments. This pandemic has caused operational changes and challenges for many organizations that engage volunteers. The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism is committed to continually supporting these organizations through the COVID-19 pandemic.

To help maintain essential services for Marylanders, and to comply with the Order's purpose "to reduce the threat to human health caused by the transmission of the novel coronavirus in Maryland, and to protect and save lives," the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism offers the following existing guidance:

1. Specific Exclusions as stated in the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, [Number 20-03-23-01](#), dated March 23, 2020.
  - a. "Any non-profit organization or facility providing essential services to low income persons, including, without limitation, homeless shelters, food banks, and soup kitchens."
2. Organizations deemed essential as stated in the [Governor's Interpretive Guidance COVID19-04](#) Date: March 23, 2020 should remain open and operational.
3. Volunteer activities serving in essential roles as stated in the [Governor's Interpretive Guidance COVID19-06](#) Date: March 24, 2020 may continue.
  - a. Please note that orders and interpretative guidance given for "staff," "employee," "worker" apply for "volunteers."



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4. Organizations engaging in on-site volunteering should adhere to the health and safety requirements as stated in the [Governor's Interpretive Guidance COVID19-06](#) Date: March 24, 2020;
  - a. Please note that includes the prohibition of gatherings larger than 10 persons in the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, [Number 20-03-23-01](#), Date: March 23, 2020.

Please continue to monitor the [Maryland Department of Health](#) and the [Governor's Office](#) webpage for current information related to the COVID-19 pandemic and steps being taken to protect the well-being of Marylanders. Thank you for your continued partnership and your dedication to serving Marylanders during these unprecedented times.

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