

# Coronavirus Resource Packet

## March 19, 2020

**Here is a list of statewide resources to help you and your loved ones— or places you can consider helping — during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Meals for Kids:** Please spread the word that both GRPS and the YMCA in partnership with the Kids Food Basket will be offering sack lunches/dinners for kids up to age 18, regardless of their school, for pickup from 11:30am-1:30pm Monday to Friday from now until April 3 and potentially longer if students are not back in school. Locations are:

- Madison Church, 1441 Madison Ave SE, Grand Rapids
- Miss Tracey's Market, 1043 Franklin St. SE, Grand Rapids
- La Casa de la Cobija, 2355 S. Division Ave., Grand Rapids
- New City Kids, 960 Alpine Ave. NW, Grand Rapids
- David D. Hunting YMCA, 475 Lake Michigan Drive NW, Grand Rapids

**Grand Rapids Public Schools are offering meals Monday-Friday 11:30am-12:30pm at** New Faith Temple, San Juan Diego Academy, Creston Plaza Apartments, Campau Commons, Hope Academy, Sibley Elementary, Ottawa Hills High School

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids** are providing free take-out dinners and snacks to children and families in need beginning Monday, March 16 at three club locations in Grand Rapids. The meals will be available Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Locations:

Steil Club: 235 Straight Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Paul I. Phillips Club: 726 Madison Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Seidman Club: 139 Crofton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507

**Food Baskets:** [Operation Fred](#) - The Peter Meijer for Congress campaign is shifting energy from political activities to serving others by delivering care packages to individuals in need in Western Michigan. Packages will include canned goods, dry goods and hygiene products. Click [here](#) to request a package.

[This website](#) offers a full list of services across the state. I've pulled out ones that might impact our community the most:

[The State Unemployment Office](#) will extend benefits to workers who are sick, quarantined or taking care of family members who are ill. First responders in the public health community who became ill or quarantined due to exposure are also eligible. Self-employed workers and independent contractors who don't have access to

unemployment insurance will now have access to benefits. Click [here](#) to fill out the application online or call 1-866-500-0017.

**Michigan Artist Relief Fund** to help provide funds for music industry workers who have lost income for the next 3 months (some cases further out) because of event cancellations or venues closing. We take applications on Friday and you can find all if the info, from the requirements to apply and opportunities for those who want to give at [this link](#).

**Childcare for Essential Employees is Coming:** Gov. Whittmer just announced that the state is going to be offering pop up childcare centers to give essential workers a place to take their children if their current child care provider closes. The list would include but not be limited to medical professionals, police and fire department employees, at least some government employees, and sanitation workers. The official said the list of essential workers could grow to include key manufacturing employees. Signup for Childcare here: <http://www.helpmegrow-mi.org/essential>

**United Way** has set up funds to help families with health care, financial resources and other services. To help or volunteer click [here](#). The organization has also launched a [COVID-19 community response fund](#) to continue efforts to [support](#) families during the school closures.

**USBG National Charity Foundation** is offering grant assistance to bartenders and their families. Click [here](#) to fill out the application.

[Michigan Small Business During COVID-19](#) published this guide for small-business owners

**City of GR Responding to Coronavirus:** The following changes are in effect starting Wednesday, March 18 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, April 5: A comprehensive list of what's open and closed can be found [here](#)

- City Hall, Grand Rapids Development Center, Parks and Recreation and Public Works, Water Resource Recovery Facility, Water Administration Building, and Mobile GR-Parking Services Department are closed to walk-in traffic. The city said staff members will be available to provide services via email, phone or [311 Customer Service](#).
- Water service shutoffs are suspended through April 30 and accounts in shutoff status are to be restored.
- Interior inspections of occupied residential units for code enforcement, water services and lead remediation projects are suspended except in the case of an emergency health, safety or welfare concern.
- Cemetery services are limited to 50 people per Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order.
- Police, water, fire, trash and more are still open. Click the link above for more info.

**Know a Church who needs technical assistance so that they don't have to open during Covid 19?** Ada Bible Church is offering free coaching, resources and even their facilities and equipment for use by other churches so that they can broadcast sermons and messages any day of the week for their congregations.

[Here's a video](#) explaining what they are offering. You can contact Jeff Abbot at Ada Bible to get connected to this free resource. [jabbott@adabible.org](mailto:jabbott@adabible.org) 616.329.1191.

Know of other resources? Add them!

Blessings,

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