



During these unprecedented times of the global outbreak of COVID-19, or Coronavirus, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio will continue to serve local families with critical services while taking precautions to minimize risk to all staff, volunteers and clients. We are reassessing key services to continue while suspending other services, particularly those that gather groups of people, such as English classes. Our team will continue to empower clients, while reducing in-person contact.



Catholic Charities will continue to provide vital services while increasing social distancing for programs including Su Casa Hispanic Center, immigration legal services, refugee resettlement, senior and caregiver support, early childhood mental health consultations, parenting support, mental health counseling and selected food pantries. All programs that will continue have been evaluated to provide improved safety for clients and staff. Click the link below, to see Catholic Charities services offered as of March 20, 2020:

[Services Offered](#)

Catholic Charities' services and staff rely on the ongoing prayers and donations from the public to continue. Please know that your continued generosity is needed and appreciated for helping families get through tough times. Please let us know if there are any needs in the community that you are moved to support. For questions, please contact Dan Sarell, Director of Mission Advancement, at 513-672-3710.

Archbishop Jose Gomez has written a prayer for protection to Our Lady of Guadalupe throughout the Coronavirus outbreak. The prayer concludes with this passage: "Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen." Please join us in prayer for the safety of all and Mary's protection during this pandemic.

Through faith and prudent action, Catholic Charities calls for continued solidarity to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus and to ensure that those who rely on social services, like food assistance, mental health counseling, and emergency

assistance continue to be connected to the resources they need daily. Please monitor our social platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Linked In, and Twitter) to get our latest updates.

With Peace,

Ted Bergh, CEO

Tony Stieritz, CEO-Elect

P.S. To read Archbishop Gomez' entire prayer, click the following link: <https://ccswoh.org/assets/Prayer-for-Protection-from-Coronavirus.pdf>

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