



The Salvation Army

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The Salvation Army of Canton Ohio, to continue with Social Services for as long as it is possible for the safety and security of our program participants, our Staff and the Community.

Although we will continue to provide services, you will see a significant change in how our services will be delivered. Some examples of these changes are as follows. Mondays' soup kitchen will be done with the serving of hot to-go lunches at our front door and expanded to Wednesday and Friday as well. We will also be including a light breakfast Monday- Friday at our front door area. Our current choice pantry services will be modified to a drive thru service. We have increased the pantry availability to our program participants to twice a month for families that have school age children. These services have also been expanded to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Program Participants will be checked in at their car and groceries will be brought to them by a Social Services Staff Member. Tara Brady, Social Services Director states, "This is what we prepare for as a Social Services Agency. We need to always be flexible to the changing needs of the Community that we serve." If you have any questions about these services, please call 330-453-0158.

The Community Center will be closed until further notice. Kaitlyn Moyes, Health and Wellness Director, is particularly concerned about the importance of these services in our everyday lives. "I think mental health is very important at this time. Talking to people about how you feel and practicing self-care can help to lesson our anxiety during these uncertain times." Please check our Facebook page, to learn more about how you can encourage self-care.

Please be aware that although the prayers of our community are the most important, we are also of immediate need of to-go boxes and bottled water so that we can continue with these services. "We recognize that theses are unprecedented times," state Majors Grace. It is a part of our rich history, and our mission to serve in time of crisis, without discrimination, and stand in the gap for our community's most vulnerable. We are here and will continue to be here throughout these days of uncertainty. Adjustments in delivery of service might be necessary, but we will continue to meet the most basic of human needs."

Because of the Governors limitation on gatherings of more than 10, we will be broadcasting our Sunday School and Worship Services on Facebook live. Sunday School will begin at 9:45am, with Worship starting at 11:00pm. Our Facebook page is [TheSalvationArmyofCantonOhio@TSACantonOhio](https://www.facebook.com/TheSalvationArmyofCantonOhio@TSACantonOhio)