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Dear Volunteers,

As the city of Chicago has ordered residents to shelter in place, many people are wondering what is considered an “essential service”...

Lakeview Pantry's services are considered essential. Many community-based organizations and nonprofits may continue providing essential services during this time, which include food, shelter and health services. Furthermore, these organizations are still reliant upon volunteers and staff to operate during a shelter-in-place order. **Volunteers and Staff are allowed to continue to serve at Lakeview Pantry and other essential organizations.** In response, we will be making additional changes to our distribution model to provide for even more social distancing and smaller groups of volunteers. If you are healthy and in a low-risk category, we need you now more than ever.

As Lakeview Pantry is considered an essential service, anyone is allowed to visit our locations. **Clients should not be fearful of coming to the Pantry, as anyone seeking food will not be in violation of the ordinance and volunteers are still required to get food into the hands of these neighbors.**

As a shelter-in-place order can disproportionately affect our most vulnerable community members, it is imperative that we continue providing service to those without means to survive during this health crisis.

Remember to stay home if you are sick, and reach out to us with any questions and to keep us updated if you have to cancel a shift. We are so thankful for you.

Stay well!

Kellie O'Connell, CEO
Lakeview Pantry