

COVID-19 News

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DuPage County Health Department to Assist DuPagePads with Food Delivery

DUPAGE COUNTY—Beginning today, the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) and DuPagePads are partnering to ensure DuPage County residents who are homeless have a place to stay and food to eat.

Last week, DuPagePads announced the decision to move from congregate settings to provide shelter to individuals alternative settings. Thereby ensuring families with children, the elderly with preexisting conditions, and individuals who are now in emergency housing, are sheltered in an environment protect them from the transmission of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

As such, the need for providing essential services has been the key focus for DuPagePads staff's efforts.

“We will need a community effort to solve this pandemic. Our partners at the DuPage County Health Department know the importance of keeping everyone safe during this critical time. We are so grateful for their support to help us distribute the outpouring of food donations from our community,” said Carol Simler, President and CEO, DuPagePads.

Today, DuPagePads and the DuPage County Health Department are announcing a unique partnership that DCHD staff will help deliver food from the DuPagePads Client Service Center to these individuals who are now in emergency housing and in need of meals. This delivery will be conducted in partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

This service is being provided each Friday until further notice and will ensure families with children, the elderly with preexisting conditions, and individuals who are now in emergency housing, are safe from the transmission of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

“The DuPage County Health Department is proud to join DuPagePads to make sure all of our DuPage County residents get food and other critical supplies they may need during this difficult time,” said Karen Ayala, Executive Director, DuPage County Health Department.

To learn more, please visit <https://dupagepads.org/>, or call (630) 682-3846.

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