

# RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE CORONA VIRUS EMERGENCY

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**\*\*This list will be continuously updated\*\***

## Reliable Information about Coronavirus

**Information about Community Services:** Dial 211

**Information about Public Health services:** Call El Paso County Public Health @ (719) 575-8888 or visit: <https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/services/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

**Peak Vista Community Health Centers:** <https://www.peakvista.org/covid-19-patient-resources>

**State of Colorado Information on Coronavirus:** <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>

**Help Colorado Now:** <https://covrn.com/>

**Aspen Pointe:** <https://www.aspenpointe.org/coronavirus>

**El Paso County Public Health “Now Open”:**

<https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/now-open-a-new-wic-office-in-southeast-colorado-springs>

**Fountain Health Clinic (Operating under “Sliding Scale”):**

[https://www.freeclinics.com/det/co\\_Fountain\\_Health\\_Clinic](https://www.freeclinics.com/det/co_Fountain_Health_Clinic)

**El Paso & Teller Community Resources available during COVID-19 Pandemic**

[www.elpasocountyhealth.org/community-resources-0](http://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/community-resources-0) has lists to help with: Basic Needs, Behavioral Health Resources, Businesses, Childcare Resources for, Children & Teens, Health and Wellness Resources, and Volunteer Opportunities.

Through a public-private partnership with the Colorado Department of Human Services Office of Early Childhood, we are working to **make sure families that need child care to respond to the crisis can access it**. The Colorado Emergency Child Care Collaborative will attempt to link essential workers to current and developing child care providers. For more information on how the program works or to sign up by taking the survey, [visit the Colorado Emergency Child Care Collaborative Website](#).

## Food Resources Open in Fountain

**Connections 4 Life Center**

6436 US Hwy 85, Suite U, Fountain, CO 80817

(719) 387-9919

<http://www.connections4lifecenter.org/Special-messages.html>

**Times of Refreshing Church**

123 W. Ohio Avenue

(719) 382-0508

**Pantry hours:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Fountain Community Soup Kitchen**

1003 N. Santa Fe Avenue

Fountain, CO 80817

\*(719) 382-5113

**Pantry hours (TO-GO ONLY):** \*after 03/20/20 please call to verify hours

**God's Pantry Ministry**

30 Widefield Boulevard

Colorado Springs, CO 80911

(719) 382-0643

**Pantry hours:** Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 11:00 am (Bagged Food To-Go)

**Fountain Valley Cares**

315 Security Boulevard

Colorado Springs, CO 80911

(719) 338-7448

**Pantry hours:** \*Saturday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm \*Very Limited Stock\*

**Pikes Peak Christian Church**

4955 Bradley Road

Colorado Springs, CO 80911

\*(719) 392-8855 **Please call ahead to verify availability/to check if hours have not been affected**

**Pantry hours:** Monday – Wednesday – Friday from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Christian House of Prayer**

4360 Bradley Road

Colorado Springs, CO 80911

\*(719) 596-7469 **\*If an emergency, please call. Emergencies are handled by appointment only**

**Pantry hours:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Care and Share - to Check for Closures and Hours click on link:**

<https://careandshare.org/COVID19/>

**Salvation Army:** (719) 382-1182 <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/covid19/>

**Grocery Stores:** Safeway, Mesa Ridge Parkway: Open 7:00 am-8:00 pm daily.

Special hours for visitors 55 years and older, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 am – 9:00 am

<https://local.safeway.com/safeway/co/fountain/6925-mesa-ridge-pkwy.html>

## Emergency Childcare Assistance

**Pikes Peak YMCA:** <https://ppymca.org/programs/youth/youth/child-care>

## Free School Lunches

**Widfield School District 3**, will provide one grab-and-go meal per child per day March 17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, weekends excluded. Each bag will contain breakfast and lunch. This is a drive-through service, meals are not meant to be consumed on site, according to the district's website. <https://www.wsd3.org/>

**Locations are as follows:**

- Watson Junior High  
136 Fontaine Blvd. (Front Entrance)
- Sproul Junior High  
235 Sumac Drive (Front Entrance)
- Janitell Junior High  
7635 Fountain Mesa Road, Fountain (Behind School)

**Fountain Fort Carson District 8**, will provide free cold breakfast and lunch for children under 18 Monday through Friday of this week and next (March 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>), from 10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. <https://www.fcc8.org/>

**Locations are as follows:**

- Aragon Elementary  
211 S. Main St., Fountain
- Mountainside Elementary  
5506 Harr Ave., Fort Carson

## Behavioral Health Assistance

**Mental Health Crisis 24 hour Hotline:** (719) 635-7000

**Aspen Pointe Health Services:** (719) 572-6100

<https://www.aspenpointe.org/>

## Resources for Businesses

**Small Business Administration:** <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

**Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce:** <https://www.fountainvalleychamber.com/>

## To File for Unemployment Benefits

**Colorado Department of Labor and Employment:**

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/unemployment>

## Specific Ways Individuals Can Help

**Can you volunteer today? Direct links here:** [www.elpasocountyhealth.org/community-resources-0](http://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/community-resources-0) has direct links, to needs right now for groups like:

- [Care and Share](#)
- [Crossfire Ministries](#)
- Citizen's Project – email: [joy@citizensproject.org](mailto:joy@citizensproject.org) for virtual opportunities to help with Census 2020
- [Donate Blood](#)
- [Early Connections](#) (Volunteer from home opportunity)
- [Foster an animal](#)
- [Medical Reserve Corps of El Paso County](#)
- [Salvation Army](#)
- [Silver Key](#)
- [United Way](#) (Ongoing opportunities)

There is an urgent need for blood. If you would like to do something to give back, you are healthy and eligible, please make an appointment.

**St. Mary's Regional Blood Center** supplies 19 area hospitals on the Western Slope and can be reached at online at [donor.stmarysbloodcenter.org](http://donor.stmarysbloodcenter.org) or by phone (970) 298-2555.

### **Colorado Springs Blood Donation Center**

3670 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Suite 110  
Colorado Springs, CO 80918  
(303) 363-2300 or (800) 365.0006, opt. 2  
North Academy Boulevard and  
Austin Bluffs Parkway  
Monday- Friday: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Saturday-Sunday: 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The **Children's Hospital** has requested people to have their call screened before making an appointment (720) 777-5398.

In an effort to provide critical resources for our health care and other partners, we will be accepting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) donations every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from **1:00 pm – 4:00 pm** at the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management (**3755 Mark Dabling Blvd., Colorado Springs**). We will be accepting donations of the following items:

- Gloves
- Masks (N95 and surgical)
- Face Shields
- Gowns
- Disinfecting wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Tyvek suits

Sewing Masks: Best to be in touch with your local hospital, nursing home, doctor's office to see if they will be able to use what you bring them.

**From the CDC website: Health Care Provider (HCP) use of homemade masks**

In settings where facemasks are not available, HCP might use homemade masks (e.g., bandana, scarf) for care of patients with COVID-19 as a last resort. However, homemade masks are not considered PPE, since their capability to protect HCP is unknown. Caution should be exercised when considering this option. Homemade masks should ideally be used in combination with a face shield that covers the entire front (that extends to the chin or below) and sides of the face.