



COMMUNITY SERVICES OF MADISON

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Covid-19 Policy

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Board of Directors of MCS Inc will implement this *Covid-19 Policy Update* effective immediately.

Following direction from the State of Connecticut, we are closing the physical location of our Food Pantry until further notice. We came to this difficult decision for the following reasons:

- 90% of our all volunteer staff are over the age of 65 and are at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19.
- Due to the size of the pantry, it is impossible to follow social distancing which is critical to stopping the spread of the virus.

Handling the Needs of Our Clients:

Effective the first week of April 2020 we will distribute gift cards to our existing client list. This will allow clients to purchase groceries based on their individual and/or family needs.

- The cards will be issued for a 3 week period and mailed to the clients home
- The monetary value of the gift card is based on the number of individuals in the home.

Please keep in mind that we are licensed as a *Supplemental Food Pantry* which means that we provide 3 meals for 3 days.

Moving Forward

We will re-evaluate the situation mid April and make our decision based on the guidance of our State Officials. If there are still restrictions we will send another set of gift cards as outlined above.

New Clients that May Need Our Help

Due to the fact that we are a 100% Volunteer organization we do not have the expertise to evaluate the needs of families during national crisis. The Town of Madison does. Please reach out to Cristal DePietro, Social Services Coordinator at 203-245-5655, if you have questions or need assistance.

Additional Information and Resources:

MCS Inc. Website: www.mcsct.org

MCS In Facebook: www.facebook.com/madisoncommunityservices

Town of Madison Facebook: www.facebook.com/madisonct.org

Town of Madison Website: www.madisonct.org

Madison Health Department: Telephone 203-245-5614

CT 211: Dial 211 from any phone. 211 is a free, confidential referral and information helpline and website that connects people of all ages and from all communities to the essential health and human services they need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 211 can be accessed by phone or computer.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC): www.cdc.gov

The Importance of Social Distancing

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/world/corona-simulator>