

**District 62 Supports for Families
Food, Clothing and other Community Resources**

District 62 would like to share resources for families to assist with food, clothing and other emergency needs. If any student or family member requires emergency mental health support, please dial 911. If you are in need of social emotional support that is not an emergency, please email one of our District 62 school social workers listed below by school.

Algonquin Middle School Social Workers

- Thelma Rodriguez rodriguezth@d62.org
- Elena Laufer laufere@d62.org
- Kari Benjilany benjilanyk@d62.org

Central Elementary School Social Workers

- Georgia Greenberg greenbergg@d62.org

Chippewa Middle School Social Workers

- Peter Martin martinpe@d62.org
- Maureen Wentzell wentzellma@d62.org
- Jori Zepeda zepedaj@d62.org

Cumberland Elementary School Social Workers

- Brelynn Smith smithb@d62.org
- Anna Del Medico delmedicoa@d62.org

Forest Elementary School Social Workers

- Jennifer Tucker tuckerj@d62.org
- Gina Biancalana biancalanag@d62.org

Iroquois Community School Principal

- Kelly Krueger kruegerk@d62.org

North Elementary School Social Workers

- Michelle Lagattuta lagattutam@d62.org
- Michael Murphy murphym@d62.org

Orchard Place Elementary School Social Workers

- Jessica Becker beckerj@d62.org

Plainfield Elementary School Social Workers

- Helen Galvan galvanh@d62.org

South Elementary School Social Workers

- Katerina Vaselopulos vaselopulosk@d62.org

Terrace Elementary School Social Workers

- Marion Greenwood greenwoodm@d62.org

Westerhold Early Learning Center Social Workers

- Stefani Pollack pollacks@d62.org
- Debbi Kaufman kaufmand@d62.org

Social Stories to Help You Explain COVID-19 to Your Children

- [My Coronavirus Story](#)
- [Exploring the New Coronavirus](#)

District 62 to Partner Arbor Food Management to Provide Food:

District 62 will have food available for pickup at Algonquin Middle School from **10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through Wednesday, April 29.** District 207 will have food available for pickup from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Maine West, East and South on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Thursday, April 30.** You will not need to leave your car as meals will be provided via a drive-thru system. Meals will be provided to any child (age 18 and under), regardless of financial need. Child(ren) do not have to be present. Transportation will not be provided. We will continue to update you about our food distribution programs as updates are made.

Community Food Pantry/Resources:

- [Self Help Closet & Food Pantry of Des Plaines](#)
600 E. Algonquin Rd. Des Plaines, IL 847-375-1443
- [Maine Township Food Pantry](#)
1700 Ballard Rd. Des Plaines, IL 847-297-2510
- [Catholic Charities: Des Plaines](#)
1717 Rand Rd, Des Plaines IL 847-376-2101
- [CEDA Northwest Pantry](#)
1300 W Northwest Hwy, Mt. Prospect IL 847-392-2332 x247
- [Northwest Suburbs Resource Directory](#)
- [Chicago Food Bank](#)
- [New Hope Food Pantry](#)

- [Northwest Compass](#) is offering a M-F food pantry from 9-12pm. Families can visit 1x/month, daily produce/bread pick up is offered. Everything is curbside.

Local Businesses Providing Food for Families:

Tap House Grill <https://www.taphousegrills.com/>

- Kids eat free lunch Monday-Friday 11am-4pm
- Kids eat free on Sunday from 4pm-9pm
- Free brown paper bag lunch to any K-12 child in need (must call ahead to schedule a pick up 847-813-9996)

McAlister's Deli (Nearest locations are in Niles and Mt. Prospect)

- 11am - 1pm, Monday through Friday
- Every kid can receive a free sack lunch that contains a turkey and cheese sandwich, chips, applesauce and a cookie. Completely free, no other purchase is necessary.

Emergency Housing Resources:



ENTRY POINT

www.myentrypont.org

Referrals to:

- Emergency shelters
- Temporary housing
- Crisis Management
- Health Care
- Food & clothing

[CEDA](#) Information and Referral Helpline

312-795-8948

[Shelter-Inc](#)

847-590-6190

[Northwest Compass-Housing](#)

847-392-2344

[Maine Stay Youth and Family Services](#)

847-297-2510

[Safe Families](#)

773-653-2200

[Illinois Housing Authority](#)

312-836-5200

[Center of Concern](#)

Free Internet:

Families who qualify for low cost internet may apply for [Internet Essentials from Comcast](#) or [Access from AT&T](#). Comcast is now providing two months of free service to new qualifying customers, as well as opening up the Xfinity WiFi service to the public ([Comcast press release](#)). To connect to Xfinity WiFi look for the “xfinitywifi” network name when searching for a WiFi network on your device. Open a browser to finish making the connection.

Links to Engage Children at Home:

- [20 Virtual Field Trips At Home](#)
- [60+ Awesome Websites for Teaching and Learning Math](#)
- [Hands-on activities to do at home](#)
- [Scholastic](#)
- [Des Plaines History Center Fun at Home](#)

Free baby diapers

The Salvation Army is conducting a Drive-through Breakfast with Baby. Parents will remain in cars and volunteers will hand the package of diapers to the parent.

Saturday, May 9, 8-10 a.m. at The Salvation Army, 609 W. Dempster, Des Plaines.
Newborn diapers and Sizes 1-4 only.

(Always the second Saturday of the month)

Contact through Facebook or call the Salvation Army for more info.

<https://m.facebook.com/BreakfastWithBaby/>

Food pantry
The Salvation Army
609 W. Dempster
Des Plaines
(847) 981-9111

Counseling Resources:

- MaineStay Youth and Family Services is waiving all fees for [counseling services](#)
- Free [Six Week Virtual Parenting Class](#)

Utility Assistance:

- [The City of Des Plaines](#) is offering water bill assistance with a shut off notice. (Ask for Laura at 847-391-5320 or Brittany 847-391-5321).
- The Salvation Army is offering food and utility assistance
Families have to call first at 847-981-9111.