

Huron Community Resources During COVID-19

[Michigan 2-1-1](#) is an easy way to connect with help of all kinds, right in your community. Need help with food, housing, or paying bills? Need support in a family crisis or community disaster? We're here for you. Any time. All the time. Just call, text, or search online and we'll get you connected.

[MI Bridges](#): Apply for benefits, manage your case, and explore resources. Healthcare coverage, Food Assistance Program, Cash Assistance, State Emergency Relief, Child Development & Care.

Food Assistance Program: If you recently lost your job or had your work hours cut, you may be eligible for the Food Assistance Program** (FAP). To complete an application for FAP benefits over-the-phone or for information on local food resources in your area, please call the Food and Other Resources (F.O.R.) Helpline at 1-888-544-8773. The F.O.R. Helpline is a statewide helpline operated by the Food Bank Council of Michigan. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 9AM-5PM. Phone interpreters are available, with access to over 200 languages! In Michigan, the Food Assistance Program (FAP) and benefits are loaded on to the Bridge Card.

[GST Michigan Works!](#) is moving to an APPOINTMENT ONLY system. We are not closed. However, due to COVID-19 we are taking precautions for the health and safety of both you and GSTMW staff. Nearly all services can be provided online or over the phone P: 989-269-2311. Please call ahead to speak to a representative. We can determine if an in-person visit is necessary! If it is, we will schedule a time for you to come in. Here is a link to contact GSTMW Service Centers:

<http://gstmiworks.org/job-seekers/gst-locations/>

Internet:

(internet and devices) - <https://www.everyoneon.org>

(Comcast) - <https://www.internetessentials.com>

Unemployment:

[Unemployment Fact Sheet](#)

Supplies:

Huron County Baby Pantry offers diapers, clothing, formula, baby food, & equipment to Huron County residents. Open on 3/26 and 4/9 (every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month) from 10am-3pm. Located next to Sonshine Daycare.

Community Connections Harbor Beach: The lobby will remain open, for now, during Tuesday & Thursday office hours of 8-4 if you should need to pick up anything off of the giving table. However, please call if you should need to speak with staff. Also if you are not feeling well or have a fever or cough, please stay home.

Community Connections 989-479-0346

Community Connections cell, call or text 989-550-0972

hbcommunityconnections@outlook.com

Loads of Love Laundry Project: The Loads of Love Laundry Project will provide assistance for Huron County families in need that have difficulty with the financial aspect of getting their laundry completed. Vouchers will be available at local agencies allowing these families to have their laundry completed free of charge.

jill.rowland@hotmail.com or on Facebook. Update: Many apologies, but in light of current events, Loads of Love is suspending any additional referrals, effective immediately due to the Coronavirus threat. I will keep everyone posted via this page when it is safe to continue operations. Thanks for your understanding! Stay safe, everyone!

Food:

Pop-up food pantry March 21st at Laker Elementary School 10:00am- First come first serve.

Senior Citizens: Caseville Family Market will be opening an hour early on Wednesdays, dedicating 7AM-8AM to senior citizen shoppers only.

School Meet Up & Eat:

Bad Axe Public Schools: (avail. food for all areas): FREE Breakfast & Lunch meals will be provided to all area students beginning NEXT MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. Meals will include both breakfast & lunch items and will be available for pick up from 9:30am-11:30am at the Bad Axe High School. Did we mention they are FREE?!? We will utilize a "drive-thru" delivery system in which meals will be passed out to your vehicle. We ask that you use the drop off lane located on the west side of the building (Gymnasium entrance/Student & Event Parking Lot). This is available for ALL AREA STUDENTS (Y-5 through 12th grade) and NOT just for Bad Axe School students. Go to www.badaxeps.org to view the menu for the week. We realize that some families may not be able to pick up the meals between 9:30-11:30am for a variety of reasons. To assist with that aspect, we will also offer delivery within Bad Axe District boundaries to those families who truly need it. To sign up for delivery, click on this link <https://forms.gle/StaCjqRnsBsumZLg6> or it can be found on our website- www.badaxeps.org.

Updated 3/17/2020: We are modifying our meal plan for the coming days to help staff maintain recommended social distancing during these times. Tomorrow (Wednesday) we will be serving breakfast and lunch meals for the REMAINDER of the week. Wednesday will be the last day to pick up meals for this week, however families will still be receiving meals for Wednesday-Thursday-Friday. There will be no meals distributed on Thursday or Friday. Drive thru times remain the same at the HS west entrance from 9:30-11:30am. For those in need and unable to transport we still offer delivery within the school district boundaries tomorrow as well. Delivery sign up is still available by going to our website www.badaxeps.org. Please sign up by 6am so that we are able to prepare the meals needed.

Caseville Public School has donated all perishables to local daycare businesses equally which included dairy and produce. We are working closely with the Caseville Community Food Pantry with all of our other food on hand as well to ensure our families in need still have food. Caseville Community Food Pantry will be open this Friday from 12-3pm as regularly scheduled. The Caseville Community Food Pantry is located in the Helping Hands Thrift Shop on Main Street. The pantry serves individuals and families in need who live in Caseville, Caseville Township or Lake Township. The pantry is open every Friday, except holidays, from noon until 3:00 p.m. Between the school and the pantry, there is plenty of food available. Please consider stopping by to stock up for your family and please share!

EPBP Laker Schools: We've enrolled in the Meet Up & Eat Up meal program so we can provide free meals to all of our students over the next three weeks of school closure. We will deliver to locations in Elkton (Elkton Youth Center, 9:30-10:00 AM), Pigeon (Bluewater YFC, 10:15-10:45 AM), and Bay Port (Township Hall, 11:00-11:30 AM) on Monday, March 16, then again on Wednesday and Friday at the same times and locations. Deliveries will include two breakfast boxes and two lunch boxes for each student, enough to last through the following day. If you are interested in having meals prepared for your child(ren), please respond to Cinamon at cmarker@lakerschools.org over the weekend. Names will be kept confidential, but we'd like to know how many meals to prepare and where to send them. Again, this is for ALL Laker students, not just those who qualify for free or reduced lunches. It will be grab-n-go, not dine-in, so just plan to arrive during the designated times to pick up food!

Harbor Beach Community Schools: March 18- March 25th, lunches- sign up <http://www.hbpirates.org/coronavirus-updates-and-lunch-signup.html>

North Huron: Food Kit Interest Survey- North Huron School is surveying families to determine the need for supplemental nutritional food assistance for students during this school closure. Due to the number of variables that surround this service we are asking that parents complete a short survey in order to assess the need in our communities. If you know of families who live in our district but attend school in another district please encourage them to fill out the survey at the link at the bottom of this message. This will help us to plan how we can use our available resources to meet the needs of students in our communities. The survey should be completed by noon on Wednesday, March 18. At this time we hope to begin delivery the week of March 23. <http://www.nhuron.org/>

Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools: Delivering lunches to all students. No sign up required

Ubly Community Schools is offering lunch for all our students during our time of closure. If you would like your child to receive a school lunch please email jcandela@ublyschools.org, cwedge@ublyschools.org, or call 989-658-8202 ext 57008 to place an order. This service will be available starting Tuesday, March 17th. Meals may be picked up from 11:30 to Noon, Monday through Friday in the Multi-Purpose Room (Cafeteria). Please follow the driveway along the river to the back of the building and enter from the east side near the bus garage.