

Town of Ulysses, NY

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Resources during COVID-19

JUST CALL 2-1-1:

Tompkins County 211 is a resource clearinghouse. Dial 2-1-1 on your phone or visit <https://hsctc.org/211tompkins/> for information on transportation, food, finances, health,...

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR SNAP HOUSEHOLDS:

All New Yorkers enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will receive the maximum monthly benefit for March and April. Those not previously receiving the maximum benefit will receive a one-time payment that will vary by household size.

For more information visit otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19 or call our local DSS at 607-274-5201.

GREATER TRUMANSBURG BUSINESS COMMUNITY SURVEY:

The Greater Trumansburg Economic Recovery Task Force--comprised of representatives from the Trumansburg Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Ulysses, the Village of Trumansburg, and area businesses-- is gathering anonymous feedback on the state of our area businesses. We're working towards providing targeted services to meet hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic and appreciate if businesses would respond.

Please share your experience here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKbEPBhYRiXXTi87tKxXB4GR2HKNNlugXBiOm-FfY_uxd5Gg/viewform?usp=sf_link

FREE RIDES FOR COVID-19 TESTING AND EMERGENCY FOOD DELIVERY: https://www.ithaca.com/news/ithaca/free-rides-to-coronavirus-testing-food-delivery-now-being-provided/article_c4bbfe9a-8407-11ea-8761-5f041f764b93.html

GUIDE TO "ESSENTIAL BUSINESS" OPERATIONS:

Visit Empire State Development at <https://esd.ny.gov/>

PHONE NUMBER FOR NON-EMERGENCY TOMPKINS COUNTY SHERIFF QUESTIONS:

Call (833)789-0470.

HOW TO ISOLATE MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD WHO FALL ILL

Tompkins County created this helpful video: <https://vimeo.com/410421741>

MASKS AVAILABLE FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS:

Visit <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health/covid19-2020-04-22-cloth-masks-available-immediate-distribution-essential-businesses>

VOTING:

Governor Cuomo will issue an Executive Order mandating the NYS Board of Elections automatically mail every New Yorker a postage-paid application for an absentee ballot for the .

The Presidential Primary has been postponed to June 23rd, 2020. The date for village elections has not yet been announced.

For more information, visit <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/boe>

OPEN BURN BAN IN EFFECT UNTIL MAY 14:

The annual spring burn ban started March 16 across NY and will be in effect until May 14. The incidence of wildfires has been significantly reduced since the regulation was enacted. Wildfire smoke is dangerous to inhale and puts numerous people and animals at risk of respiratory illness. For more information, visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html>

HELP WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND ABUSE:

The Advocacy Center is open (remotely) for services. Advocates can be reached through their hotline at (607) 277-5000 to help victims of domestic violence, child sexual abuse and sexual assault.

Some services, such as shelter, have had to be adjusted to maintain public health and safety, but are still being provided. They can also assist with orders of protections. The hotline is a way for victims to reach out for emotional support, information, referrals, safety planning, etc.

STIMULUS PAYMENTS:

Those eligible should have received it by now. If you have not yet received yours yet, visit <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments> to find out why.

Congressman Tom Reed has offered assistance with accessing stimulus funds. Contact Mr. Reed's office at <https://reed.house.gov/contact/>.

HEALTH (MENTAL & PHYSICAL):

New York State is taking mental health seriously during this crisis. The state is partnering with the company Headspace to provide New Yorkers with free meditation and mindfulness resources to help address rising stress and anxiety.

Visit www.headspace.com/ny

- NYS Mental Health/Emotional Support Hotline: 1-844-863-9314

- New Yorkers without Health Insurance can apply through NY State of Health within 60 days of losing coverage at <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/>

Other:

<https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health>

<https://www.cdc.gov>

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

ACCESS TO FOOD:

Trumansburg Food Pantry

- Food Emergency Hotline number: 607-387-8260

- Distribution of free food from the Trumansburg Methodist Church every other Monday from 11:30-12:30pm and 5:15-6pm. The next date is Monday, April 27. No pre-registration required. Visit <https://www.foodbankst.org/find-food/> for more information.

Meals on Wheels

Hot meals for older adults. Call 607-266-9553 or e-mail info@foodnet.org

Grocery Delivery Service: A Volunteer-run Program

If you, or someone you know, is in need of groceries and unable to utilize grocery delivery services, and/or should not be going to the grocery store because she/he is part of the vulnerable population (age, preexisting condition), please consider utilizing this volunteer-run effort:

What: We are connecting vetted/screened volunteers to those who have weekly or emergency grocery needs.

Mission: The mission of this volunteer group is to connect volunteer shoppers with those in need. We will not be creating redundant services and will redirect those in need to appropriate existing services.

How: email michelle@ulysses.ny.us or call (607) 592-0203 to find out more.

Please note: this resource is not for those who are food insecure due to financial insecurity, we will redirect contact with these folks to the proper avenues.

WAYS TO HELP DURING COVID-19 (besides staying home):

Send a Smile

Send a Smile message to older adults and others who may be lonely during this time: You and your family can help raise the spirits of some of those who are isolated and lonely. Send artwork, a letter or a video that can be shared to residents living alone and facilities who have requested some spirit-lifting. E-mail to SendASmileTompkins@gmail.com

Know someone who would like to receive a Smile or could use a connection? Send them this request form or email us directly with their contact info.

Donations of items are also sought. If you have magazines, laptops and iPads, books, art supplies, personal care supplies, board games (not with lots of small pieces), beading supplies, bingo prizes, small radios or cd players, headphones, etc., please contact us for drop off locations in Lansing and Downtown Ithaca.

Gardening

Do you have a garden, want a garden, or have skills or resources to donate to a garden effort? A coalition of urban ag/food gardening organizations in Tompkins County is working to identify sites to expand existing garden sites or establish new neighborhood gardens in support of local food security efforts or personal food gardens for low income residents Please complete this quick COVID-19 solidarity gardens interest survey to be put in touch with a coordinated gardening support effort.

A core group of experienced gardener-volunteers is needed now. If interested, please sign up for a weekly shift at this link, and/or contact Audrey Baker at audreyzelda@gmail.com or 607-592-2902. To maintain safety protocols, including social distancing and minimized tool sharing, we are asking for volunteers who: (a) have gardening experience, (b) have their own tools, (c) can get to the garden site independently, and (d) can commit to shift(s) on a weekly basis. All gardener volunteers will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols, and would keep online logs of their garden activities at the end of a volunteer day.