



Care Communiqué

JULY 2020

PANTRY DATES HAVE CHANGED IN JULY

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, we are editing pantry days for the month of July to:

July 7th, 8th, and 9th - 11am to 3pm (Tues, Wed., & Thurs.)

July 13th, 14th, and 15th— 11am to 3pm (Mon., Tues. & Wed.)

We will still be providing our clients with cleaning supplies such as toilet paper, bleach, dishwashing liquid and other items during these pantry days to help out with staying safe and healthy through the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACCT RELAUNCHES HIV TESTING

After being put on pause for many months we are getting back into the testing swing. We started in May and we plan to continue as long as it is safe to do so. We are sanitizing everything before and after clients, keeping our distance, have purchased partitions and are providing masks to any client that might not have one. We are doing tests **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. If you or your loved ones are in need of HIV testing, please call ACCT @ 409-763-2437 and speak with Christin.

Tax Filing and Health Coverage

As a reminder, the federal income tax deadline was extended to July 15, 2020 by the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service.

All clients who enrolled in health coverage through the Marketplace (Also known as ObamaCare or the ACA Program) in 2019 must file a federal tax return to make sure they received the amount of financial help they were eligible for, based on their actual income during the year. If your insurance is paid by ACCT, you are included in that requirement.

Not filing taxes can make a person ineligible for tax credits in the following year. Please get this done ASAP and submit a copy for ACCT. The deadline for paperwork to be turning in to ACCT will be July 16, 2020. ACCT will be sending out a letter to all client's that this applies to with more information, including where you can get your taxes prepared for free and what you will need to bring to get your taxes done. **You will be required to file and turn in all of the necessary documentation to ACCT by July 16, 2020**

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TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP

We are gladly accepting new members for the group! Please send an email to transsupport-galveston@gmail.com. We will send you reminders of our meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month via GoToMeeting. 1st Tuesday is for friends, family and allies as well as Trans individuals. 3rd Tuesday is for trans individuals only.

LAMBDA AA

LAMBDA is meeting in person again! The meeting will take place on Wednesday 7pm. ZOOM meetings are on Monday 7 p.m. Wednesday p.m. Sunday 7p.m.

Please contact Steve Starkey via email for more information!
sstarkey@accttexas.org

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FURTHER
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The Staff as well as all of the clients who benefit from our client lunches all miss having that time of comradery. We will let you know as soon as possible when we are able to continue this tradition.

We miss you and thank you for your patience and concern through this time.

-ACCT Staff

Hurricane Season in a COVID-19 World

Hurricane season is upon us! With so much uncertainty in the world right now, we are all wondering what evacuation is going to look like this year. For people who are disabled, need medical transport, or do not have a car, the situation has only changed slightly.

Anyone with special needs (which includes those without transportation), should call 211 to register for assistance TODAY. Doing so will ensure there is a space on the evacuation buses and in shelters if evacuation becomes necessary.

The plan is to acquire more buses to transport just as many people with more distance between everyone. During transport, you will be required to wear a mask. Having 5 or more masks will be the best way to keep yourself and others safe during an evacuation.

In Austin, emergency shelters will be larger to accommodate social distancing guidelines. All evacuees will be screened for COVID-19 upon arrival to ensure everyone's safety.

As a person that requires daily medication, you should always be mindful that you must have ample medication. Make sure that you have plenty of medication at the beginning of hurricane season. Always having at least a 7 days supply of pills in a daily container is the best practice according to the CDC. If applicable, make sure you keep your medications at the proper temperature. Do not wait until the threat of a storm to make sure you have medication for an extended period of time!

For more information, and more helpful tips visit galvestontx.gov and click on Hurricane Evacuation.

Hitchcock Hometown Pharmacy Opens



The Hitchcock Chamber recently had a ribbon cutting for the new Hitchcock Hometown Pharmacy a sister Pharmacy to our Galveston Specialty Pharmacy at ACCT. Congratulations to Nundan & G! We wish them all the success!

EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE

The City of Galveston has opened an emergency housing assistance program for those residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This Program is only open to residents of Galveston experiencing a documented reduction and/or loss of income (fewer hours, loss of job, etc.). Anyone interested in applying or wanting more information should call the city office at (409)797-3820 for assistance or email TBRAProgram@galvestontx.gov.

July Pantry

Thank you to everyone for following the plan! You are Awesome!

One more time!

PANTRY DISTRIBUTION MAY- Currently, we are planning to distribute pantry on the normally scheduled days of July 7th & 8th and July 13,14, & 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In compliance with the new directives shared by the Houston Food Bank and the Galveston Food Bank we will be using a "DRIVE THROUGH DELIVERY SYSTEM" to maintain social distancing.

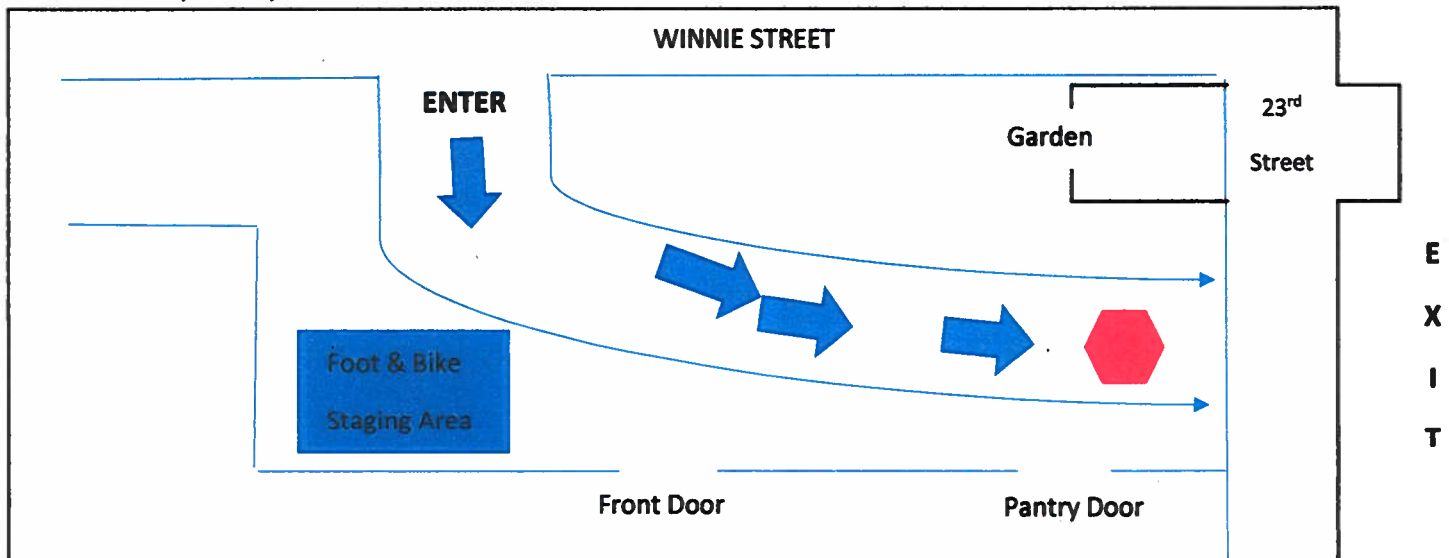
If arriving by car

- Enter the parking lot from Winnie Street leaving room between vehicles for volunteers to maneuver
- Open your trunk
- Return to your vehicle and wait for assistance from ACCT staff
- Staff will load your pantry into the trunk of the car
- If for any reason we are unable to load in the rear of your vehicle, a staff member will bring out your pantry and step back 6 feet, allowing you to exit your vehicle and load it yourself.
- Leave the cart on the side of the lane and return to your vehicle. Staff will retrieve the cart to be cleaned for the next person.
- After loading has been completed, please exit onto 23rd Street

Client's arriving by foot or bike

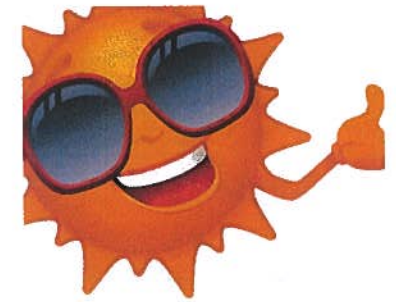
- Enter the parking lot and position yourself in the area designated for foot and bikes
- Please remain 6 feet away from anyone that might also be in this area
- Do NOT stand within 12 feet of the pantry delivery door
- Pantry will be brought to designated area and left for you to retrieve. Place cart outside of the line once you have gathered your items for staff to pick up to be cleaned for next client.
- Exit parking lot from the 23rd Street watching for vehicles.

Walkers and bikers be aware that this is distribution will be as large as possible. You may not be able to carry all the food or able to transport by bike. You may want to arrange other transportation! Unfortunately, food delivery is not possible.





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