

PANDEMIC VS. NATURAL DISASTER

PRAY

Pray for hospital employees, first responders, those working on a vaccine and their families. Consider a 24-hour prayer vigil in which people sign up for specific time slots.

Write cards of encouragement, either for a specific healthcare employee you know or for any healthcare employee. Please check with your local hospital to ensure they can receive and deliver these before doing this.

As a church, write a message of encouragement for your medical community. Post it on your church sign, front lawn and/or on social media and have your members share it.

GIVE

Give blood. Social distancing has resulted in a large decrease in blood donations. Please check with your local donor center and make an appointment (to avoid creating long lines).

Individually wrapped snacks might be appreciated at healthcare facilities. Many hospital staff are working long shifts and cannot break for meals. Please check with your local hospital to ensure they can receive and deliver these before doing this.

If you have access to personal protective equipment (PPE): Masks (N-95, Earloop, Surgical), Gowns (Isolation, Non-Descript), Gloves (Nitrile, Sterile, Surgical), Eye Protection (Face Shields, Goggles), Infection Control Kits, Hand Sanitizer (any size), Disinfectant Wipes (any size), Thermometers (forehead only). All items should be in the manufacture's original packaging and unopened. Contact your local first responders (police, fire, EMS) to see if they can utilize your items.

EDUCATE

Help spread accurate information from reliable, medical resources related to the virus and treatment. Use CDC and state health department-sourced information ONLY.

Help vulnerable populations in your community (e.g., senior citizens) be wary of COVID-19 scams. Report potential scams to Attorney General Eric Schmitt or 1-800-392-8222 OR call Missouri Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe at 573-751-4727.