



April 27, 2020

The following are important updates regarding operations during coronavirus (COVID-19), effective April 27, 2020.

Policy Update

The U.S. Federal Government has approved adding more funding to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). If your organization has paid staff, you may be eligible for this program and interested in applying. Funds will be distributed and depleted quickly so organizations are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. **CTFB is hosting a webinar TOMORROW, April 28 from 8:30am-9:30am to help you understand more about what the PPP is and how to navigate the application process.** For anyone interested in attending, the meeting link and call-in information is below. Slides and a resource guide will be shared after the meeting.

Webinar: The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and SBA Loans

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

8:30am-9:30am

Meeting Link: <https://meet.vastconference.com/40329333>

Call-In Information: 1 (512) 717-0185

Conference Code: 403293

Attendee Pin: 8423

Partner Resources

Mental Health Resources

You and your work are so important to the community and sometimes providing the best assistance possible to others starts with taking care of ourselves. We've compiled a brief resource guide

for partner agencies to learn more about self-care in these uncertain times. [Access this resource guide here.](#)

Client Resource Highlights:

A Message from SAFE Austin

You've likely read the reports that family violence is increasing due to isolation. The COVID-19 pandemic means that people are forced into isolation with their abusive partners or family members during a time of greatly increased anxiety and financial stressors. SAFE is working hard to ensure that anyone that may be experiencing violence knows that we are here to help.

As you may know SAFE works to stop abuse in Central Texas. With a Children's Shelter, a Family Shelter and dozens of prevention programs, we serve survivors of violence and work to stop abuse before it occurs. And that is all the more important during this pandemic.

We know that you are concerned about the health and well-being of the people you serve, but particularly about the **safety** of your clients during this shelter-in-place. Your staff may be experiencing the stress of not knowing *how* to truly help those families. After all, we know that people experiencing violence may have a hard time contacting SAFeline or getting help when they are stuck at home with that abusive person.

You may find [this flyer](#) helpful in spreading the word that SAFE's doors are open. The language is brief and can be added to any information you are putting out, just to remind survivors of violence that they are not alone and that there is help. The flyer can be printed out and posted in your office, or where clients and community members might see it, or it can be emailed out when you are sending clients information.

If you want more information (including language you can share with clients) or resources about how to support people experiencing violence or abuse, please don't hesitate to reach out to SAFE via our 24-hr SAFeline at (512) 267-7233.

Thank you again for doing so much to fight hunger.

General Reminders

We want to know if your distribution has changed (or is going to change) due to COVID-19. If you're closing, re-opening, adjusting hours, or modifying your distribution model, please reach out to your Agency Relations Specialist with that updated information or share it via email at agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org or our partner agency hotline by calling (512) 684-2503.

Remember, we will be sharing COVID-19 resources for partners and our most updated communications on our website here: <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/agencies>

Contact the Team:

By phone: (512) 684 - 2503

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