



## Homeless Services Program

# Help Support Our Most Vulnerable Neighbors

The health and safety of Interfaith Works Shelter guests and our staff is our highest priority. We manage infectious diseases and practice robust sanitation, but the unknowns of the COVID-19 epidemic demand vigorous precautions.

As a community member, you can help during this time of emergency to help ensure the health and safety of our guests and our staff.

## How You Can Help

1. **Sign up to bring a meal** (either home-cooked or consider food from a local business who might be struggling right now as well), to the nightly shelter and drop it off with staff across the street so we can bring it in and serve it. If you are already signed up, please consider if there are other ways to keep that commitment rather than canceling. We are happy to talk through ideas with you! **[Check out our volunteer calendar]** on our website to see what nights we need meals.
2. **Are you a medical provider or work in a medical office** and you could consider donating oral thermometer devices with disposable plastic covers to shelter providers or outreach workers?
3. **Do you work for a union who utilizes N95 masks or Personal Protective Equipment** and you could consider donating these supplies to us?
4. **Do you work for an entertainment company and you have excess bulk wristbands** you could consider donating to us? Wristbands are how we are tracking our screening process.
5. **Are you healthy, at low risk of transmission and willing to help us** with our increased personnel needs due to mandatory screening each day? We have volunteer roles, and may have temporary paid positions opening up as well.
6. **Do you have one or more rechargeable, oral thermometers** you could donate that is compatible with Welch Allyn thermometer probes?
7. **Can you donate food items** like Cup O' Soup, Easy Mac, single serving yogurt cups, string cheese, coffee, sugar, creamer, soft drinks and bottled water, bulk items that we could use to make meals with?
8. **Do you sew and have extra fabric/elastic** around that you could make our staff and guests cloth face masks from a pattern such as **[this pattern]**?
9. **Can you help make DIY facemasks** from a pattern such **[as this]**?
10. **Do you have light to medium weight machine washable blankets, twin size sheets, and pillow cases** you could donate? Can you ask your neighbor if they have any to donate as well?
11. **Can you donate clothes, socks, underwear, hand warmers, sleeping bags, tents, tarps, gloves, hats, rain gear,** etc.?
12. **[Make a purchase]** on our **Amazon Wish List** and make an immediate impact on our most needed items.
13. **[Make a one-time cash donation.]**

## **[Contact us]** if you can help

Interfaith Works Emergency Overnight Shelter  
701 Franklin St SE, Olympia WA 98501  
(360) 918-8424 | [info@iwshelter.org](mailto:info@iwshelter.org)

**For current news and updates, visit us online @**  
**[www.IWshelter.org/blog](http://www.IWshelter.org/blog)**