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Covid-19 Volunteering Opportunities

Host a Blood Drive

As a OCCM Chapter, you can partner with a blood donation company such as Vitalant, Red Cross Blood, or Carter Blood Care to host a blood drive on campus. Encourage your chapter members to participate in donating blood and to tell their friends!

"You can still go out and give blood. We're worried about potential blood shortages in the future. Social distancing does not have to mean social disengagement." -U.S. Surgeon General

Host a Food Drive

Partner with local food pantries or national organizations such as *Move for Hunger* or *Feeding America* to host and advertise a food drive.

"For people already living paycheck-to-paycheck, COVID-19 is making life even more challenging. Many people in this situation are already making tough choices between food and bills, or food and medicine."

Grocery Food Deliveries

Reach out to vulnerable populations who cannot leave their homes and see what you can get for them to keep them safe. Pick up their groceries for them! There are several organizations, including *Store to Door*, *Invisible Hands*, and other local organizations who desperately need volunteers to help with delivering.

Tutoring

With many schools shifting online, an increased pressure is placed on families to assist with their children's education. Many people feel unqualified to help their students or do not have time to balance their jobs with tutoring. Post an announcement at your church or school that OCCM members are offering tutoring!

The Coptic organization *Saintly Studies* offers tutoring to Coptic students who register. They are in great need for volunteers and would love to partner with any OCCM chapter. Register to become a tutor and get all the info on their website at <https://saintlystudies.wixsite.com/tutoring>.

Disinfecting Local Churches

As our churches have started to open up, many of them are required to thoroughly disinfect after each liturgy. Speak to your local priest and offer to help! For example, your chapter can divide into small groups and send each group to disinfect one day a week.

Write Letters!

People in nursing homes and hospitals are feeling more isolated than ever. Many places are completely banning visitors. Many people are craving connection and something as simple as writing letters can begin to fill that need! Organizations such as *Letters of Love* and *Cardz For Kidz* accept and distribute handwritten letters. Contact local hospitals and nursing homes for more opportunities.

Research Local Opportunities

Several websites connect volunteers and groups to local opportunities. For more ways to help, try searching through these websites.

- <https://www.allforgood.org/>
- <https://www.volunteermatch.org/>
- <https://www.idealst.org/en/volunteer?actionType=VOLOP&isCovid=YES&q=&searchMode=true>