

## Press release

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### ***Geisinger limits food donations, reminds groups schedule donations***

**DANVILLE, Pa.** – Geisinger Health System would like to remind any individuals, groups or organizations that would like to make charitable donations in this time of need to please schedule those donations through the donation website, [Geisinger.org/fightcovid](http://Geisinger.org/fightcovid), or by calling 800-739-6882.

“We are very thankful for the willingness of our community to help out at this time and are grateful for the overwhelming response.” said Kate Polczynski, Associate Vice President, Supply Chain for Geisinger. “In order for us to provide these donations to the most critical area of need first, please do not drop off donations directly to the hospital. To schedule a donation delivery, please visit [Geisinger.org/fightcovid](http://Geisinger.org/fightcovid) or call 800-739-6882 for information on how to donate.”

In addition, Geisinger is asking that individuals and groups refrain from making food donations at this time. Due to infection control protocols, we are unable to accept foods prepared in a home kitchen. No buffet-style foods, like pizza, cheese and veggie trays or sandwich platters, can be accepted.

We can only accept individual, prepackaged meals/food that is prepared in a commercial kitchen, such as a restaurant, with a current food license. We can also accept food in original unopened packaging, such as pretzels, chips and protein bars.

People who want to make an impact and be sure that their goodwill is acceptable are asked instead to make a monetary donation.

In addition, media members contacted by organizations or individuals requesting coverage of a donation are asked to please contact the Geisinger donations team to ensure the donation is scheduled for pickup. Your assistance with this will ensure the safety of those making donations and Geisinger’s care team.

Questions can be directed to Mike McMullen at 814.502.8998 or [mmmcmullen@geisinger.edu](mailto:mmcmullen@geisinger.edu).

#### **About Geisinger**

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