May Dugan Center Modifies Food Distribution

As of 3/22/2020

Effective on March 25, 2020 Drive Thru Food Distribution.

CLEVELAND, Ohio – The May Dugan Center is deemed an essential service under Ohio’s Stay-At-Home order. The center will remain available for people needing food, mental health support, substance use support, victim services, and case management including for pregnant and parenting teens. The services are being provided in modified form as previously announced and are keeping with the required social/physical distancing protocols. All people needing such services are encouraged to call the center at 216-631-5800. Generally, the building will be open to the public from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

The May Dugan Center on Wednesday, March 25th will offer drive-through produce and food distribution in an effort to avoid crowds that can spread the COVID-19 coronavirus. In an additional effort to control the spread of the virus, the building will be closed to the public on that day.

The event will take place between 10:00am to 2:00pm. at the May Dugan Center at 4115 Bridge Ave., on Cleveland’s West Side. Cars will line up on Bridge Avenue and continue west on Bridge. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated that day, so all people are asked to drive. An authorized proxy will be accepted to pick up food for people who do not have access to a vehicle.

For people who may not have access to a vehicle or a proxy, or who may be disabled or are at high risk for COVID-19, please call the May Dugan Center at 216-631-5800 x300 between 10:00am-3:00pm on March 25th. Other arrangements will be made to ensure food receipt.

To qualify as a proxy, the person must present a letter at the time of food distribution that contains the following information: the recipient’s name, the name of the person picking up food, the day of the distribution (3/25/20) and the recipient’s signature.

Participants will remain in their cars as they provide their name and information to May Dugan Center staff and volunteers. Food will be placed in trunks, so as to minimize contact. Participants are asked to provide sufficient trunk space for the food.

The COVID-19 is causing hardship on human service nonprofits, especially those providing essential services. May Dugan Center programs will endure a strain on services and a financial strain. Over a 4 day period after Governor DeWine’s mandates, the Center assisted over 100 people in need of food, and 43 more people have called seeking help for their families. This is in addition to the usual 480 people served on average per month. May Dugan Center is seeking donations to help cover the increase in demand. Donations can be made by going to https://secure.givelively.org/donate/near-west-side-multi-service-corporation/covid-19-response-make-an-impact.