

L.I.N.K: COVID-19 Safety Measures

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L.I.N.K provides homecooked, nutritious meals with kindness in a safe and welcoming environment. This tradition will continue with the provision of Thanksgiving meals to hundreds of Lawrence and Douglas County residents. In order to ensure a safe environment for clients as well as volunteers, L.I.N.K will adhere to the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control on the provision of meals and services to the homeless population.

Protecting Staff and Clients¹

L.I.N.K will protect staff, volunteers and clients during the current COVID-19 pandemic by:

- Staying informed and connected to the Lawrence Douglas County Health Department and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and stay informed of relevant regulations and guidance as it pertains to crowd size, events, social distancing, etc.
- Continue encouraging good hygiene and [cleaning and disinfecting](#) surfaces regularly in accordance with CDC guidance.
- Make hand sanitizer available to staff, volunteers and clients.
- Require all staff, volunteers and clients to wear face masks.
- Provide a clean, disposable face mask to clients, volunteers and staff if they do not have one.
- Screen staff and volunteers prior to serving clients. Screening questions will include the most recent screening guidance from KDHE.
- Ensure staff members use disposable gloves when handling food items or packaging.
- Use multiple strategies to increase space between people, especially those who are at [high-risk](#) for serious illness. Examples include:
 - Hosting the meal distribution outside via a walk-through or drive-through model
 - Ensure the minimum number of staff and volunteers are involved with meal preparation indoors and group size is in line with KDHE guidance.
- Identify staff, volunteers and clients who are at [increased risk for severe illness](#) and decrease their face-to-face interactions with others, when possible.

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