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The **LIC Community Covid-19 Relief Group** is the collaboration of local civic, religious and business organizations working together to alleviate specific needs in our neighborhood and surrounding areas. Our stated goal is to mobilize neighbors to help neighbors. Knowing that one group cannot meet every need, we have decided to focus our efforts on the following three areas:

- MEAL DISTRIBUTION** - beginning Monday, March 23, we will begin to distribute meals for students and families impacted by the ongoing school closure. Meals will be in a 'grab and go' format with no seating available. Meals will be free (donations accepted) and available from 10am-2pm or while supplies last. We will be providing a personal hygiene pack along with each meal. We are also soliciting the aid of local restaurants that would be willing to provide and prep these meals at a minimal cost.
 - **DISTRIBUTION CENTERS:** Locations TBD (Hunters Point, Court Square and Queensbridge)*
 - **RESTAURANT DONATIONS:** If you are a restaurant owner and interested in providing low-cost meals please contact Patrick Thompson at: patrick@new-citychurch.com
- DRY GOOD COLLECTION** - beginning Tuesday, March 17, we will be collecting dry goods for distribution through already existing food pantries throughout western Queens. Below is a list of collection sites and a link to a list of desired products. Any products that are received will be disbursed daily to local food pantries with the highest needs.
 - **NEW CITY CHURCH OFFICE:** [10-54 47th Ave., LIC](#) (Collection hours: 3pm - 7pm)
 - **LIC JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:** [10-29 48th Ave. LIC](#) (Call for hours 718-609-0066)
 - **BEST ITEMS TO DONATE:** Follow this link for ideas about donations: <https://bit.ly/39Xrz5J>
- VOLUNTEER/FINANCIAL MOBILIZATION** - beginning immediately, we are building a database of volunteers willing to serve in the multiple need areas listed below. We are also working to grow a financial base to support local business that are providing meals and subsidizing the cost of the hygiene packs and dry goods. Below are links to sign up to volunteer or to give tax-deductible donation:
 - **TO VOLUNTEER:** email Casey Chamberlain at casey@hunterspointparks.org
Include contact info and if car is available. Needs: Meal Distribution, Food Prep, Food Collection, Transportation
 - **TO DONATE:** bit.ly/LICrelief
Donations are processed through New City Church LIC, but separately accounted
For more information about financial donations email Kelly Craig at kelly@psis78pta.org

FOR MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION (including the confirmation of meal distribution sites)
Visit the LIC Community Relief Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/licrelief/>