

What can you do to help?

Guidance for Consumers Who Want to Help

(as of 3/27/2020)

I am a consumer, what can I do to help?

- **Coronavirus Response Fund for Nurses** supported by the American Nurses Foundation
Nurses are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response. We have created a Coronavirus Response Fund for Nurses to enable the public to support and thank nurses. The national fund will address the identified, emerging needs of nurses and will focus on:
 - Providing direct assistance to nurses
 - Supporting the mental health of nurses – today and in the future
 - Ensuring nurses everywhere have access to the latest science-based information to protect themselves, prevent infection, and care for those in need
 - Driving the national advocacy focused on nurses and patients

To share your thanks and support for nurses on the frontlines you can make a donation to the American Nurses Foundation Coronavirus Response Fund for Nurses.

Text THANKS to 20222 to make a \$10 donation.

- First and foremost, follow your local and/or state directives on sheltering in place and maintaining social distance. It is important that we do everything to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19 to reduce the current and future strain on the health care system.
- Reach out to the volunteer service department or chaplain at your local hospital and ask what type of assistance is needed.
- Don't forget about reaching out to the local emergency response agencies. They too are feeling the pressure of this pandemic.
- If you are well, consider making an appointment to donate blood at a Red Cross or other blood services donation center.
- Check your local media services websites. They often post information on ways to help.
- If you are interested in donating items or services reach out to the state or local public and/or emergency response coordinators.