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Community Action of Southeast Iowa here to help those of low-income during COVID-19

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATLEY: All Community Action Neighborhood Centers in Southeast lowa are open and doing business as routinely as possible. **HOWEVER**, we ask that you call your local center to schedule an appointment and/or complete your application over the phone for services between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST. When our lobbies are full, we will ask you to wait outside until we are available to provide assistance.

We are here to help you but need to respect the Governor's wishes to prevent the potential spread of the illness in groups and crowds.

Our Food Pantries are open, but we need to limit people in our lobbies. Please call and make an appointment for assistance.

We are still taking applications for Energy Assistance and might be able to help you with your utility bills. Please call and make an appointment or start your application online: <u>http://caofseia.org/services/energy-assistance/</u>

If you are having trouble with rent/homelessness/eviction, please call and make an appointment.

The neighborhood centers are staffed and are here to help you, however please call to make an appointment. We will help you as we are able over the phone or when your appointment is made.

Please refer to our website: <u>caofseia.org</u> or our Facebook page: Community Action of Southeast Iowa for a list of our centers, services and resources.

If you have any questions, please call or email.

- I. Des Moines County Neighborhood Center, Burlington, Iowa, 319-753-2839
- 2. Eichacker Center, Fort Madison, Iowa, 319-372-4471
- 3. Tolson Center, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, 319-385-2310
- 4. Marie Tallarico Center, Keokuk, Iowa, 319-524-6383
- 5. Louisa County Center, Columbus Junction, 319-728-2314

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