

As the extraordinary public health impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) is felt across our nation, the American Red Cross remains focused on performing its life-saving mission. I want to make sure you are aware of some changes happening in our area. Some of the current chapter boundaries are changing. Please note these changes are not in response to coronavirus (COVID-19) but are intended to help the Red Cross better align our people and resources to meet community needs and will not impact the number of communities we serve or the work we do each day. As part of these changes, Indian River, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties will be joining the Palm Beach and Treasure Coast Chapter.

Presently, Red Cross facilities in our area are closed to the public. Our physical presence may not be the same, but the emergency help we provide in our community will continue. Currently, volunteers are supporting individuals on a virtual basis. The emergency help we provide continues, including financial assistance as well as other resource like health and mental health services which may be provided over the phone.

We continue to see an increase in home fires. Promoting home fire safety is critical now more than ever. To help you and your loved ones stay safe from home fires, we wanted to share these free online resources:

- **Take our [Home Fire Safety Quiz](#)** to test your fire safety knowledge. Visit redcross.org/homefires for additional tips and resources, including a [home fire safety checklist](#) and [home fire escape plan](#).
- **Download the free Red Cross Emergency App** to have safety tips, severe weather alerts and more at your fingertips. Search “American Red Cross” your mobile app store or text “GETEMERGENCY” to 90999.
- **Teach your children how to stay safe** from home fires and other emergencies with these free resources:
 - [Monster Guard App](#) (7-11 years old): Kids learn how to prepare for real-life emergencies at home and in other environments by playing this fun and engaging game.
 - [The Pillowcase Project](#) (8-12 years old): At home, children can learn about disaster preparedness with these free resources, including posters, activity sheets and a workbook.
 - [Prepare with Pedro](#) (4-8 years old): Kids can have fun with Prepare with Pedro storybooks to learn emergency preparedness. The [Prepare with Pedro Activity Book](#) is also available

In addition, the Red Cross has a [suite of apps](#) for mobile devices that includes something for everyone; from how to be safe and prepared in an emergency to help for the nation’s active military and veterans all the way down to how to take care of your pet,. Find all of the Red Cross apps in app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps.

Families around the world turn to the Red Cross every day for help because hospital patients still need lifesaving blood; neighbors still need food, shelter, and care after disasters; and military families still need support. We appreciate your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 772-284-9898. I look forward to meeting you in the future.

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