

**TO: County Board  
Presidents/Executives/Chairpersons/Board  
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**FROM: Joe McCoy, Executive Director  
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**DATE: April 6, 2020**

**RE: COVID-19 Update – April 6**

The Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) continues to prioritize the dissemination of useful information to county leaders during the COVID-19 pandemic. Below are some items we would like to share with you today:

#### **Sharing Identities of COVID-19 Cases with First Responders**

ISACo has received inquiries about whether it is permissible to share with first responders the identify of persons infected with COVID-19. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) indicates that providing information to first responders about who may have COVID-19 is of limited infection control value and therefore recommends against it. The Department does recommend that first responders take appropriate protective precautions when responding to calls. IDPH has published a resource ([available via this link](#)) with information about this issue.

#### **Expanded Emergency Child Care**

All essential workers in health care, human services, essential government services and essential infrastructure now qualify for the state's Child Care Assistance Program. The state will cover most of the cost of care provided by emergency child care centers and homes. This expansion of eligibility includes those working as nurses and doctors, supporting staff in hospitals, grocery store clerks and food producers. More information is [available via this link](#).

#### **SNAP Recipients to Receive Maximum Benefits**

On April 6, 2020, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) announced that more than 450,000 Illinois households will receive additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits beginning Tuesday, April 8, 2020. All who are eligible for the additional benefits should receive them by April 20th. The additional funds are intended to help Illinoisans obtain food and support for their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The maximum SNAP benefit amounts will be implemented for April and May. Additional information is [available via this link](#).

#### **AT&T COVID-19 Response**

ISACo corporate partner AT&T is providing information about how they are adjusting their business operations and working to help people stay connected with each other during the pandemic. The company is pitching in to help consumers, first responders, health care professionals and educators during this difficult time. More information is [available via this link](#).

**Keep Up with New Information!**

ISACo has a designated blog post ([available via this link](#)) that includes updated news about the public response to the Coronavirus and other relevant information.

ISACo also has a dedicated webpage ([available via this link](#)) with federal, state and local resources about the Coronavirus and best practices to avoid transmission while promoting containment.

Please feel welcome to contact ISACo with any questions for which we may be helpful. My e-mail address is [jmccoy@isacoil.org](mailto:jmccoy@isacoil.org). I can also be reached on my cell phone at 217/836-9164. ISACo's website is [www.isacoil.org](http://www.isacoil.org). Thanks.