

# COVID-19 Alert

COVID-19: FACING THE CHALLENGE TOGETHER

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We at Reid and Riege, P.C., understand the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and we are trying to focus on ways to help. Here are some considerations for those who are able to help. You can begin by following social distancing guidelines and restrictions put in place by your local government. In addition to those basic guidelines, we offer a few other ways you can support those in your own community, or across the country.

## 1. DONATE

Now, more than ever, organizations need donations so that they can continue to operate and provide support to those who benefit from their missions. Donations can take a variety of forms, including: healthcare supplies; food; money; and time.

## 2. VOLUNTEER

While the volunteering landscape looks different today than it did yesterday, it is still crucial to a number of organizations. Consider volunteering with organizations that are particularly exposed in these trying times, like schools and foodbanks. You can also volunteer to check on, or shop for, a neighbor who may be vulnerable during the crisis. Volunteering with a local shelter to foster a pet is another option, as shelters have been tremendously impacted.

## 3. GIVE BLOOD

The American Red Cross has had to cancel a number of blood drives; as a result there is a critical and ongoing need. They are encouraging healthy, eligible individuals to schedule an appointment to donate blood or platelets.

## 4. SUPPORT LOCAL & SMALL BUSINESSES

Buying online gift cards now for use at a later date or online shopping at a local retail store can help small, local businesses remain operational. Shopping at local markets and ordering delivery from local restaurants will help as well.

Reid and Riege, through its Trust & Wealth Management practice, is assisting clients with their desire to provide support by facilitating their donations to the nonprofit organizations of their choosing. We also are encouraging our staff to help wherever and whenever possible. This includes taking advantage of the firm's matching gift program. In that spirit, the Reid and Riege Foundation has accelerated and increased its annual grant program for area organizations that support homeless and housing. We encourage you to consider the same.

Please contact the attorney with whom you regularly work, or a member of our COVID-19 team, so that we can assist you with determining an effective way to provide your support. Most importantly, stay strong and stay healthy. We are in this together and, together, we will find our way through.

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