

THE SHIFTING LANDSCAPE

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

A Resource for Volunteer Managers

We've been hearing the word "unprecedented" a lot lately. And it can seem like communities are having to write the rulebook for dealing with a pandemic along the way.

The first step in keeping up with a shifting—and often uncertain—landscape? Stay informed. Look for reputable, official recommendations on safety, health, and conducting business during a crisis. Our Disaster Response Specialist at Galaxy Digital recommends you start by maintaining a broad awareness of international health information and recommendations. Then, work your way toward local recommendations specific to your community. We have compiled a list of resources to help you and your volunteers stay informed and aid organizational decision making. Click on the blue text for direct links to the websites:

INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

World Health Organization

Check out the World Health Organization's website for global, general public advice on virus prevention and symptom identification.

FEDERAL RESOURCES

American Academy of Pediatrics

AAP offers updated clinical guidance for caring for children, advocacy resources, state-level data, and support for families. These resources are especially important for organizations working with children, teens, and families.

American Medical Association

AMA provides a wealth of articles that help you stay up to date on research and recommendations.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

In addition to these general prevention guidelines, the CDC offers [support for Community Organizations](#). Use this guide to help your program plan, prevent, and mitigate the effects of COVID-19.

National Council of Nonprofits

Check out this database of sources specific to nonprofit organizations. Find videos on caring for our communities, resources for funding, guidance on reopening, and much more.

STATE RESOURCES

State Department of Health

Start with your state's Department of Health website. Use your web browser to search. Alternatively, use this CDC's state, territorial, local, and tribal department database to help you search for information specific to your area.

State Government

Check out your state government website. In North Carolina, for example, we refer to this statewide [information hub](#) at nc.gov.

LOCAL RESOURCES

County Public Health

Most counties have a public health website that will provide COVID-19 information. Look for reopening guidance and community updates to ensure you're adhering to local regulations.

Town or City Government

Generally, your local government's website is a good place to start if you're looking to connect with other local officials, City Council, community partners, and other organizations in your community. Your town's Community Development department may have COVID-19 resources specific to community-based organizations.