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**To:** [AHS - DAIL COVID19 Team](#)  
**Subject:** Request: asking for available resources  
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**Please send this message out to all of your contacts.**

Good morning,

First, thank you all for continuing to adapt so beautifully during through this difficult time. It is an honor to work alongside such dedicated, creative people. We truly are Vermont strong!

As you can imagine, each day we identify new needs for Vermonters. Things we thought of and things we didn't. As most of you have either suspended services or reduced to "essential" in-person services only, we thought one area that we might plan ahead for is the need for getting services to people in alternate ways. So in an effort to continue this creative, forward thinking, we thought that you, our resident professionals, might think about your resources and whether they may be available for other needs during this time.

Resources may include:

- 1) staff who are interested and available to work, and have preferably already passed a background check (for example: personal care attendants, RNs, homemakers, companions, respite workers etc.)
- 2) space for emergency operation needs (for example: food storage and temporary housing)
- 3) meals
- 4) equipment/supplies

As you think about this question, **would you please send along your ideas to me?** I will compile and send them along to our Emergency Operations team who is managing state-wide resources at this time. If you have already identified a resource and shared it with another state representative, please let me now. If you have already shared with me a resource, no need to do it again.

As we compile the information, please know that the State is also planning for how to pay for the resources that are redirected for COVID-19 emergency operations. That is information we will share when it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support. Be well.

Sincerely,

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**An important reminder -- Please take these everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of germs:**

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

**Up to date information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found at:**

<https://dail.vermont.gov/novel-coronavirus-information>

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus>