Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. We know this time can be difficult physically, emotionally and financially as everyone learns to navigate this new normal. We wanted to provide a list of community resources to assist you with needs you may have. If you need help navigating one of these resources or have a specific situation, please reach out, and we will be happy to help you. Additionally, if you need any <u>school supplies</u> or <u>hygiene supplies</u>, please let us know, and we will arrange to get these supplies to you. We are thinking of you and are here for you.

Sincerely,

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Basic Needs Resources: (food, utilities, and internet):

G.O.D.'s Food Pantry located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 116 N Thomas Street Gilman, IL 815-265-4133 Open: Tuesday 9-noon & last Tuesday of the month 4-6:30pm *bring proof of address*	United Way Covid-19 response fund (Iroquois-Kankakee county) Call 211 https://www.myunitedway.org/C OVID-19-RESPONSE-FUND	Iroquois Public Health Department 815-432-2483 Seniors Services: Iroquois County residents aged 60+: resources for groceries-drop off, medical supplies, and/or personal items.
East Central Illinois Community Action Agency 210 North Central Gilman, IL (815) 265-4479 http://www.comaction.org/ *Services: Emergency cash, low income home energy, rent assistance*	Low income home energy assistance program (LI HEAP) Help with energy bills https://liheapch.acf.hhs.gov/help	AT&T low income assistance for Internet https://m.att.com/shopmobile/internet/a ccess/

Mental Health Crisis/Counseling Supports:

Mental Health Crisis	Iroquois Mental Health Center	Gibson City Hospital Behavioral
SASS (Screening, Assessment,	(Accepts Medicaid)	Wellness Center
Support Services) for children and	323 West Mulberry, PO Box 322,	(217) 784-4540
adolescents 1-800-345-9049.	Watseka, IL 60970 815-432-5241	Provides psychiatry and
*You should call SASS when a child	– Press 0 for the operator. Their	counseling services. Offices in
is at risk to harm themselves or others	services include psychiatry and	Onarga & Watseka.
and any time you think a child is	psychotherapy.	https://www.gibsonhospital.org/
having a mental health crisis.*	https://www.iroquoismhc.com/	locations/profile/behavioral-
		wellness-center

Crisis Text Line Text HOME to 741741 Or

In an emergency, dial 911 immediately. An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or ambulance.

Harbor House of Kankakee serving Iroquois County

Phone: 815-932-5814 24-Hour Hotline:815-932-5800 Website:

https://www.harborhousedv.org/

Iroquois Sexual Assault Services Office #: 815-432-2779 24 Hour Hotline: 815-432-0420 email: info@kc-casa.org Website:

http://www.kc-casa.org/isas

Illinois Department of Child & Family Services (DCFS)

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, please call the Illinois Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873)