



## **The COVID-19 Response from Meals on Wheels of Mercer County**

**Dear Supporters of Meals on Wheels of Mercer County,**

We wanted to take this opportunity to communicate with you regarding our response to COVID-19. As of today, March 18th, we are continuing to deliver hot meals daily to the homebound residents of Mercer County. During this time, it is even more critical that we do our best to maintain consistency and continue to provide meals to those most vulnerable in our community. Many of our seniors are anxious and worried, and it is important we remain available to them by phone to try and allay their fears.

Our team is closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and is following the recommendations of national, state and local officials and health agencies. We are taking precautions to minimize exposure, and practice social distancing. Our primary consideration has and always will be the health and safety of our team, our volunteers and the participants that we serve. We are continuing to come in every day and work closely with our volunteers and our caterer at Rider University to minimize any disruptions in daily meal service. We have plans and protocols in place should we need to alter daily delivery and possibly move to shelf stable meals.

As such, we continue to put out a call for emergency substitute volunteers! Our regular volunteers also fall within the age group susceptible to COVID-19, so just in case, we are looking for temporary volunteers to fill those slots. As of now, we have received no notification of any volunteers or participants having been diagnosed with the virus.

If you, your family members or any friends have availability in the mornings, Monday through Friday, please consider helping us deliver meals within the eight municipalities in Mercer County that we serve. Meals are delivered out of Rider University in Lawrenceville. We are holding training every morning at 10 am (until further notice), and you may even be needed to

go out on a route directly afterward. If you are interested, please call us at 609-695-3483 or send us an email at [info@mealsonwheelsmercer.org](mailto:info@mealsonwheelsmercer.org). Or, simply show up at Rider University at 10am.

At this very difficult time in the history of our nation, we must come together and act in the best interest of our community. Our obligations remain, first and foremost, to our immediate families. However, if you are healthy, and your family is cared for, should you have any time to spare to help our Mercer County community, we look forward to welcoming you to our Meals on Wheels of Mercer County family.

Sincerely,

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