

## COVID-19 Response Efforts

The health and well-being of all Kentuckians is everyone's shared priority. At Serve Kentucky, we are providing listings of [volunteer needs](#) in response to the COVID-19 crisis, supporting efforts to feed students and seniors, providing alternative service activities for AmeriCorps members, offering support to program staff, encouraging citizens to follow state guidelines through [social media](#), and providing training in a virtual environment. Serve Kentucky is working to help citizens of the Commonwealth help their neighbors in need while complying with evolving guidelines for health and safety.

### Quotes (from [press release](#))

- Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear said, "Through the support of AmeriCorps, Kentucky's commitment to service will be significantly boosted. Even in these times of uncertainty – *especially* in these times of uncertainty – we remain steadfast in our mission to provide community service, and this commitment from AmeriCorps will help us continue to make positive impact in our communities." ([video from Governor](#))
- Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary Eric Friedlander praised AmeriCorps for its support. Program funding, he noted, impacts Kentucky's quest to build more resilient communities. He said, "As Team Kentucky moves forward with Building Back Better following the novel coronavirus pandemic, the programs supported by AmeriCorps will play an even more significant part in making Kentuckians and the places they live stronger and ready for a brighter future." ([video from CHFS Secretary](#))
- Serve Kentucky Executive Director Joe Bringardner said AmeriCorps members are "local citizens helping their neighbors, and COVID-19 has made this service more important and timely." Grant activities include service to aging Kentuckians, disaster relief, K-12 tutoring and food services in areas across the state. ([video from Executive Director](#))

### Podcast



On July 15, 2020, Serve Kentucky Executive Director Joe Bringardner talked with Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary Eric Friedlander about AmeriCorps and the value of government-nonprofit partnerships. ([podcast link](#))

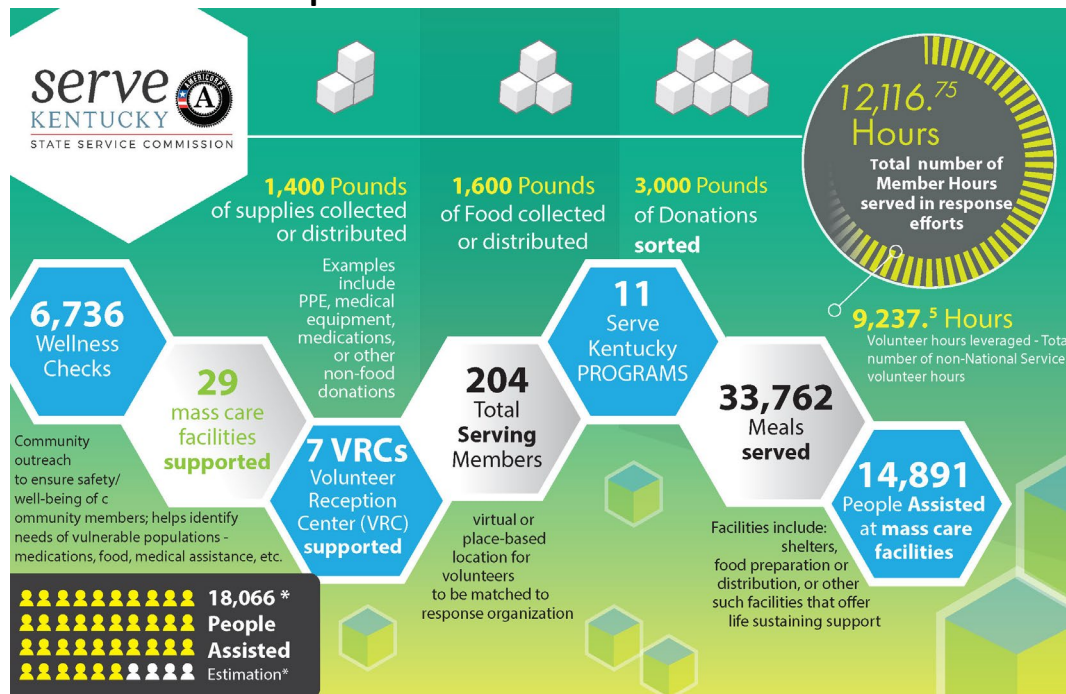
## AmeriCorps Programs



Serve Kentucky hosts weekly check-ins with AmeriCorps program directors during the COVID-19 pandemic. The types of service that Kentucky AmeriCorps members are performing in response to COVID-19 are:

- Student or client check-in calls
- Senior client reassurance calls
- Non-traditional Instruction (NTI) student support
- Food pantry warehouse support
- Federal feeding programs
- Non-contact meal delivery for students or clients
- Non-contact delivery of school work packets
- Distance-Learning events with student or clients
- Emergency call centers
- Referrals to services for clients or students
- Lesson planning for out of school instructional content
- Child care services for essential personnel
- Contact local nonprofits to recruit/assist with enrollment in the Serve Kentucky digital volunteer hub, [Volunteer Kentucky](#)
- Wellness checks
- FEMA Training
- Making masks for essential personnel
- FRYSC support (FRYSC is the social services hub in 826 KY schools)
- Web-based professional development

## COVID Disaster Response Data



As of June 10, 2020.

- 6,736 wellness checks
- 29 mass care facilities supported
- 14,891 people assisted at mass care facilities
- 7 volunteer reception centers supported
- 33,762 meals served
- 1,400 pounds of supplies collected or distributed
- 1,600 pounds of food collected or distributed
- 3,000 pounds of donations sorted
- 18,066 people assisted



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