

COVID-19 Briefing Documents

Frequently Asked Questions for Elders

NOTE: Please do not distribute this document. The elders should only use it as a reference when answering questions.

What is the purpose of the briefing documents?

It is to provide publishers with website links of potential COVID-19 assistance by federal, state, and private organizations. These organizations may assist with finances, food, unemployment, and insurance. The documents are provided as a courtesy.

As an organization, do Jehovah's Witnesses endorse the secular programs?

No. Family heads will need to use discernment and carefully research each resource to determine if the program is appropriate for their household.—Gal. 6:5

Who can receive copies of the documents?

This should be left to the discretion of the elders.

Who should help publishers with questions about or assistance with a program?

The local elders should provide assistance.

If a program takes several days or weeks to begin, how should a publisher's immediate needs be cared for?

The local elders should assist in harmony with direction from the branch or the Disaster Relief Committee.

How often will these documents be updated?

Programs are being regularly monitored. The documents are updated accordingly.

Who should I inform of a program that may benefit publishers that is not listed?

The congregation elders should inform the circuit overseer.