



# Assemblyman **MIKE NORRIS**

A special report from Assemblyman Mike Norris  
**Coming Together As A  
Community: How We Can Help**



Our community — and the entire world — has experienced an unprecedented time. While there remains a lot of concern, I am also deeply impressed by how our community is working together and becoming even stronger in this historic time. Many of you are wondering how you can help. There are many worthwhile organizations in need right now — here are a few to consider. Me and my staff are still hard at work for you. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you all good health,

*Mike*

### **Donate Blood**

Blood banks across our state are facing shortages. If you are healthy and able, please contact the American Red Cross or Connect Life about opportunities to donate. Through the Red Cross of Western New York, you can also get great training and certified in important life-saving skills like CPR and first aid, or volunteer in other ways.

#### **Learn more:**

American Red Cross of Western New York  
786 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14209  
(716) 886-7500

Connect Life  
4444 Bryant and Stratton Way  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
(716) 529-4300



Assemblyman Mike Norris is pictured here donating blood during the coronavirus pandemic

### **Donate to Your Local Food Pantry**

During this global health pandemic, many of our hardworking friends and neighbors have hit hard times financially as well. As families, seniors and individuals have a harder time putting food on their tables, the need at our local food pantries and food banks is great.

Please consider picking up a few extra non-perishable items to donate to these local organizations in order to help keep our neighbors in need well fed throughout this crisis. To find a food pantry near you, please go to [www.foodbankwny.org](http://www.foodbankwny.org).

#### **Other ways to help:**

- Contact your local volunteer fire company to learn how you can sign up to become a volunteer firefighter or EMT. The need is always great.
- Support your local restaurants, family-run shops, museums, and community sites by purchasing memberships or gift cards to be used later.
- Continue to stay informed and follow safe guidelines. For updates, please go to [coronavirus.health.ny.gov](http://coronavirus.health.ny.gov) or call the state's toll-free, 24/7 hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

**For more information on any state issue, please contact Mike Norris:**

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