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The American Red Cross strongly and resoundingly rejects hate, racism, violence and bigotry of any kind. As part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, we are proud to stand by our seven Fundamental Principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality. These principles are at the very root of our mission to prevent and alleviate suffering. **Read more** in our statement.

The power of Paige's plasma

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image of Paige smiling

The Red Cross is seeking people who are fully recovered from COVID-19, like Paige of Ohio. In March, she grew ill and tested positive for COVID-19. When she fully recovered, she learned she could help others by donating convalescent plasma to help treat critically ill COVID-19 patients. **To learn more about convalescent plasma, click here.**

We're sewing to stop the spread of COVID-19!

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Masks

A new Service to the Armed Forces project is calling on crafters worldwide to support their local military and veteran communities by sewing face coverings. This is done in an effort to help stop the spread of the coronavirus in veteran and military hospitals and on military installations. Supporting troops through needle and thread is definitely not new to our organization. The Red Cross was at the forefront of the the Spanish flu response during World War I, producing over 260,000 face masks for soldiers! **Crafters, the Red Cross Wants You. Find out more here.**

Stay strong

What kind of social distancer are you?

For some of us, this time spent social distancing is a reason to pick up a new hobby, while for others it's a time to reconnect virtually with old friends. Above all, it's important to take up habits that help relieve stress and boost mental health. **We've put together a quiz to help you figure out your style of social distancing, and learn some tips for mental wellness while you're at it.**

Not all heroes wear capes

Watch Video

Right now, there is an urgent need for blood and platelet donors to prevent a summer shortage. Our staff and blood donors are everyday heroes that make it possible to meet the needs of patients relying on lifesaving Red Cross blood donations. **Watch this "virtual high five" to our amazing front line staff across the country who make this work possible!**

Be prepared this hurricane season!

Enable Alexa

Hurricane alerts

Did you know that preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a hurricane? This Hurricane Season, the Red Cross is making preparedness and access to life-saving Hurricane information easier than ever–all you have to do is ask Alexa! **Enable the Hurricane Alerts skill on your amazon device today to get started!**

Thank you to our partners at The Coca-Cola Foundation for matching donations up to a collective total of $3M made via the **Coke Studio Sessions** virtual global music festival

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Disaster Planning During COVID-19

Through these last few months, our compassionate Red Cross volunteers, supporters, blood donors and community partners have shown unprecedented determination and resilience. As we move forward into the summer months, our communities will once again be tested–as the COVID-19 pandemic will bring unique challenges to the summer ritual of disaster preparedness. Disasters such as floods, hurricanes and home fires can force evacuations, even in this time of social distancing, and we want you to stay prepared. Whether it's incorporating cloth face coverings into your evacuation kit or monitoring changes to your local sheltering plans, you can take the **necessary steps** to protect yourself and your family from both disasters and this pandemic. And thanks to your steadfast commitment to our Red Cross mission, we stand ready to deliver comfort and hope wherever and whenever it's needed in the months ahead.

Gail McGovern

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