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SUBJECT: César Chávez Day of Action Update

FROM: California Volunteers, Office of the Governor

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Good afternoon,

We would like to provide an update on the March 31st César Chávez Day of Action. Earlier this year, Governor Gavin Newsom called on all Californians to help solve homelessness in a statewide day of action.

The health and well-being of all Californians is our top priority, with that in mind, we are urging everyone to adhere to the guidance developed by California public health officials which can be found on the [California Department of Public Health website](#).

The state's public health experts have determined that [gatherings](#) should be postponed or canceled across the state until at least the end of March. Non-essential gatherings must be limited to no more than 250 people, while smaller events can proceed only if the organizers can implement social distancing of 6 feet per person. Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people, while also following social distancing guidelines.

We would like to continue to use the César Chávez Day of Action to raise awareness and demonstrate the different ways we can serve those experiencing homelessness during this difficult time, as well as throughout the year.

Here are some things you can do:

- **Utilize our [social media toolkit](#) to promote safe service activities. Tag California Volunteers so we can promote your organization!**
- Visit [serve.ca.gov](#) for updated information on how you can help those experiencing homelessness **throughout the year.**
- Donate items and food
- Give monetary donations to your local shelters and food banks
- Assemble hygiene kits
- Donate hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol (if available) because they don't have easy access to running water and soap
- Donate hand sanitizing wipes

Helping those experiencing homelessness will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Every Californian can do their part to help decrease the spread of this disease.