



Blue Ridge Area
FOOD BANK
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RE: Essential Personnel representing the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank (BRAFB) and its Network of Partner Food Pantries and Programs

To Whom It May Concern,

The person holding this letter is considered essential personnel, pursuant to guidance issued on March 30, 2020, by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam.

The guidance entitled, Executive Order Number Fifty-Five (2020) permits Virginians to leave their residence for the purpose of (*excerpts follow*):

- b. Seeking medical attention, essential social services; governmental services, assistance from law enforcement, or emergency services;
- f. Traveling to and from one's residence, place of worship, or work;
- h. Volunteering with organizations that provide charitable or social services

Virginia's Shelter-in-Place order exempts operations, employees and volunteers working on behalf of food banks and food pantries.

The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and its partners provide an essential human service across 25 counties and 8 cities in central and western Virginia.

Michael McKee
Chief Executive Officer