

Hi,

In some communities, especially in Douglas County, virtually all the volunteers fall into the age bracket to be at greater risk due to this virus.

Examples for the tiny town of Reedsport.

A small food bank was run by volunteers with the youngest one being 70 (with COPD by the way). Without help they would have had to shut down.

The following two are situations that I've heard are true by reputable sources, but I haven't independently checked on. I'll know more on Monday, but wanted to still include them.

Meals on wheels is being delivered by someone in his 80's.

Dial-a-ride (service to help disabled and elderly with rides to critical services like groceries and doctor appointments), had to shut down because the person who normally drives was in an "at risk" segment.

So as a younger (45), healthy person, I volunteered to help at the food bank, and am getting in contact with the other services as well. My concept is that food is still vital, and the risks to my health are lower than those I'm replacing.

I think you are going to see a lot of older people risking exposure to make sure people can eat (as I imagine the

Meals-on-Wheels guy is). Your going to have some other services go unmet.

I think we need some kind of formal system for providing volunteers who are low risk to fill in the gaps for places like FoodBanks. Perhaps, even having some paid volunteers.

It's possible this kind of system could be set up through some kind of non-profit organization.

Thanks,

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