



Aging & Independence Services

Meeting Community Needs during the covid-19 Pandemic



Atlanta Regional Commission

ARC May 2020 Board Meeting



Here for you in changing times.

“I don’t want to leave my home. How **can I get food** and medications?”

“I lost my job and my bills are stacking up. How **can I get help?**”

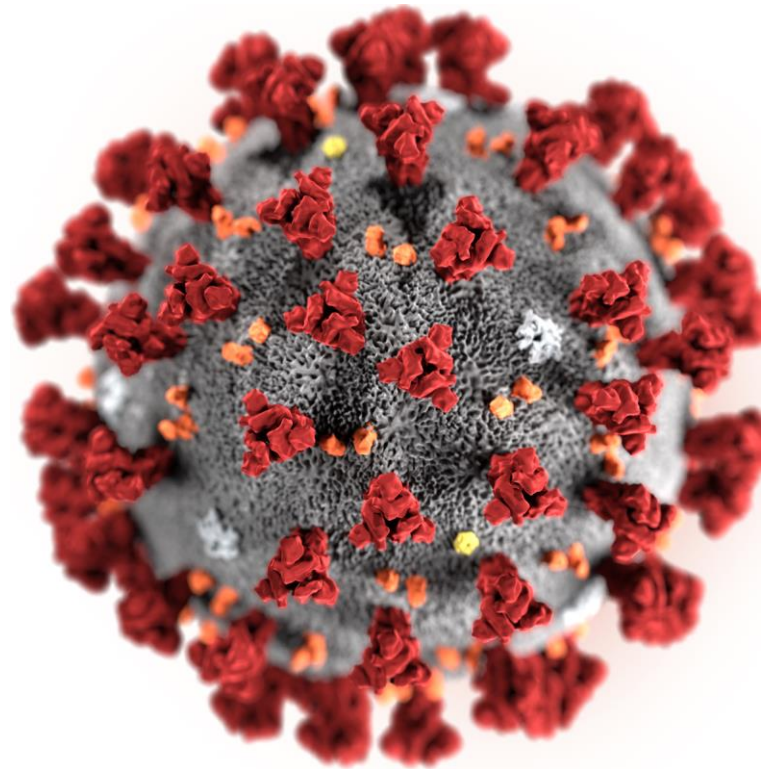
“**I’m worried** that my mom might be feeling socially isolated during this time.”

www.empowerline.org
(404) 463-3333

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WELL DESIGNED WELL BEING
POWERED BY ARC

Providing critical information

- For individuals:
 - Information counseling
- For the general public:
 - empowerline.org
 - Social media :
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - Blog posts
- For professionals:
 - empowerlinePRO
 - Biweekly covid-19 resources updates statewide



A clearinghouse to coordinate resources with local needs



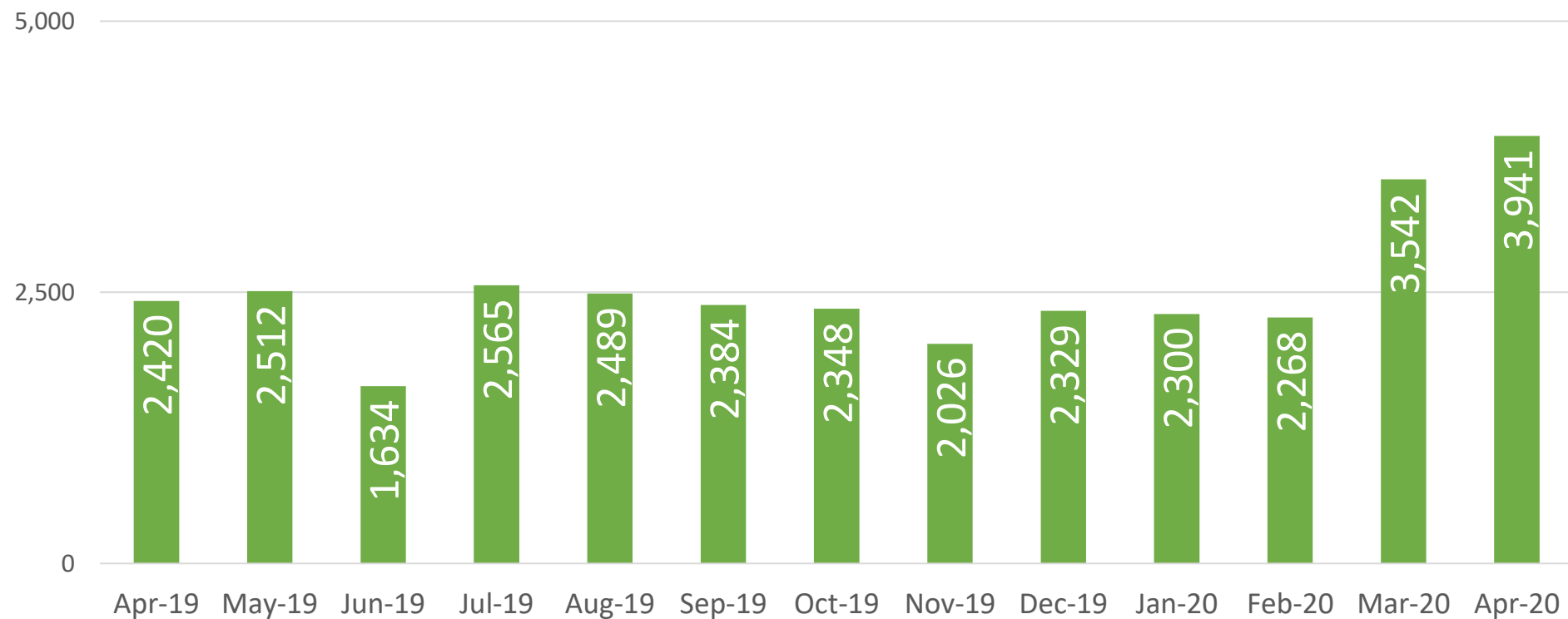
- Examples of connections ARC is making:
 - Health insurance company donated:
 - hand sanitizers delivered with meals to older persons in Cobb and Gwinnett,
 - masks delivered with meals in Clayton and through CPACS
 - Donors met urgent needs for grocery boxes to families at risk through ISDD (grandparents raising children with disabilities)
 - Informing donors of partner urgent needs, including for personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Work with a health care provider to deliver safety kits with meals in South Fulton

Maximizing flexibility to meet changing needs

- **Closed senior centers**
 - From congregate meals to home delivered meals
- **Transportation**
 - From client trips to delivering meals
- **Clients are staying home**
 - Need to address social isolation
 - Need for delivery of food, medicine, supplies
- **Clients are declining in-home supports**
 - Examples: help with bathing, dressing and household chores
 - Need for more telephonic check-ins
 - Need for PPE for clients and workers
- **Exhaustion of caregivers**
 - Need for respite, caregiver supports
 - Concern for elder abuse, exploitation



Individuals Receiving Home Delivered Meals: up 85%



Managing funds to meet community needs

Source	Amount to ARC	Purpose	Subgrants
Greater Atlanta covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund (philanthropy)	\$95,000	Meals to older persons on high priority waiting list	8 county-based agencies
Families First Act (federal)	\$1.9 million	Meals to older persons	10 county-based agencies, CPACS
Thanks Mom & Dad Fund (philanthropy)	\$15,000	Urgent, short term client needs	n/a
CARES Act (federal)	\$6.4 million (includes ARC match)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Nutrition Services -Supportive Services -Family Caregiver Services -Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection 	10 county-based agencies; several non-profits



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