

The City is aware that a lot of people in our community are struggling to access food, either because they no longer have a source of income or because they must quarantine at home while someone is sick. With the help of the Baker Administration, the City is working to mobilize all available resources to help.

Later this week, members of the Massachusetts National Guard will be coming to Chelsea to help with the distribution of food and other essential supplies.

There is no need to be alarmed by the presence of the Massachusetts National Guard. These are not ICE or Immigration police.

The Guard will be here solely on a humanitarian mission to provide help to the City, at the City's specific request. They may wear a uniform, but they are not the U.S. military. The women and men of the Massachusetts National Guard live in every community in the Commonwealth, including in Chelsea. In this humanitarian effort, they will be working alongside employees from the City of Chelsea and partners from the Salvation Army and other nonprofit organizations, to help you.

The members of the Massachusetts National Guard will not inquire about your immigration status, nor about how you arrived in this City. Your documentation status is of no concern to them. They are just here to help you during this emergency.