



# VILLAGE OF **DOLTON**

*"A Community Working Together"*

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## **Mayor Riley Rogers Leads the Way with the Largest "Farm to Family" Food and Mask Giveaway in the South Suburbs**

**The Village of Dolton-** Mayor Roger continues to lead the way providing resources and relief for residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. This **Saturday, May 23, at 9:00 am in the parking lot of the Melanie Fitness Center at 14900 Greenwood Rd**, Mayor Rogers will host what is expected to be the largest fresh food and mask giveaway in the south suburbs. **Mayor Rogers and a team of volunteers will pass out 10,000 masks and 500 fresh produce food boxes.**

Each Saturday the "Farm To Family" food initiative will bring 500-1,000 boxes of fresh food for local families. This is one of many COVID-19 relief initiatives that has helped sustain the local community throughout the crisis.

**Over the past two months, nearly 7,000 meals have been distributed, just over 600 masks have been delivered, and 50 small business owners have received economic relief assistance in the Village of Dolton.**

### **Village of Dolton COVID-19 Community Relief Summary:**

**8 -week Small Business Pop Up:** Mayor Rogers partnered with eight local businesses to provide food and essentials for the community at large. Each week,

on business was the site host for giveaways. **So far, 3,600 meals have been distributed.**

The participating businesses include Domino's Pizza, Checkers, Dress To Impress, Water Integrated Treatment Systems, Shark's Fish & Chicken, and Maxwell Street Polish. Additional participating businesses will be announced.

**Mask Giveaway Phase One: Over 600 masks** were delivered to the doorsteps of seniors and residents with pre-existing medical conditions.

**Small Business Workshops:** Mayor Rogers partnered with a local attorney to assist small business owners with economic relief funds applications. **Over 50 small business owners** received assistance during the one on one sessions.

**Meal Delivery for Senior Citizens:** Seniors make up a large part of the Dolton community and are among the most vulnerable. Mayor Rogers has delivered **over 300 meals** to the doorsteps of local senior communities.

**Dinner Distribution:** A total of **2,800 warm dinners** were distributed in a two - week daily walk-up drive-up giveaway for first responders, seniors, and those facing food insecurity.

**Community Food Donation Drive:** To help reduce food disparity, Mayor Roger's has launched a food drive where residents can donate canned and non-perishable food items to support those in the community with the greatest need.

**Mask Giveaway Phase Two: 10,000 masks will be distributed** onsite at Melanie Fitness Center starting Saturday, May 23, at 9:00 am.

**"Farm to Family" weekly food giveaway:** Beginning Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 am 500-1,000 boxes of fresh produce will be given away each week.

**\*COVID-19 Community Relief photos and video clips are available upon request.**

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