

National Guard Partners With Contra Costa County Food Bank

President Donald J. Trump gave his OK Sunday for the National Guard to help states hit hardest by the new coronavirus outbreak.

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The 115th Regional Support Group is working with the food bank. (Shutterstock)

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CA — The California National Guard could soon pitch in to help feed Contra Costa County.

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano have 30 National Guard members at the Fairfield warehouse from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, said spokesperson Lisa Sherrill.

Workers will perform humanitarian work such as assembling 1,000 emergency food boxes and bagging produce, she said.

Find out how to get help [here](#) or volunteer [here](#).

On Sunday President Donald J. Trump declared a major disaster and activated the guard in the Golden State, Washington and New York due to concerns about the new coronavirus.

"These states have been hit the hardest," [Trump said](#) during a Sunday press briefing.

On Sunday Trump also said he would [send the USNS Mercy](#), a massive Navy hospital ship, to Los Angeles to help treat the area's surge of coronavirus patients. Previously, officials in Seattle had expected the ship would head there.

Meanwhile, the president said FEMA would send medical supplies to California, New York and Washington to help the hard-hit states respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Medical beds, N95 masks and gowns will be sent within the next 48 hours, Trump said.

The Major Disaster Declaration will aid people impacted by the outbreak and related economic downturn, Newsom's office said.

"We appreciate the quick response and partnership from the White House," Newsom said in a statement.

— Patch editor Nick Garber contributed to this report.