



# DEAF LINE

APRIL 2020

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

**APRIL 19 - 25, 2020**



Schaumburg Township would like to take this opportunity to recognize and appreciate the following Deaf & Hard of Hearing Volunteers for their generosity and time during 2019 to serve the needs of the community by assembling Deaf Line newsletter, and helping out with the Deaf Social/Support Group.

- \* Carmen Aguilar
- \* Mary Ball
- \* Carol Ban
- \* Genevieve Bright
- \* Debbie Davis
- \* Michael Davis
- \* Jane Delulio
- \* Joseph Delulio
- \* Christina Galpern
- \* Marsha Kopp
- \* Annette Langston
- \* Betty Jo Lucero
- \* Anil Phadke
- \* Susan Elizabeth Rangel
- \* Eileen Rozborski

We appreciate these amazing volunteers who stepped up to make a difference in our communities.

**Thank you once again!**





# Video Phone Chat

WITH THE DEAF  
SERVICES SOCIAL &  
SUPPORT GROUP!

*Every Wednesday at 2pm*

We will have discussion, trivia and games!

RSVP to Sarita Phadke at 224.520.9763 VP or  
sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org for  
instructions on how to join!





There will be NO Deaf Social/Support Group on April 21, 2020, due to COVID-19.

Stay home. Be safe & healthy!

## Deaf Social/Support Group



**Tuesday, May 19, 2020**  
**10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



- \*\* Join in the fun as you play a variety of exciting games.
- \*\* Wear your favorite sports team's shirt, jersey, hat or scarf (optional).
- \*\* Bring your own lunch. Water and coffee will be provided.
- \*\* Come and enjoy with friends at Schaumburg Township.



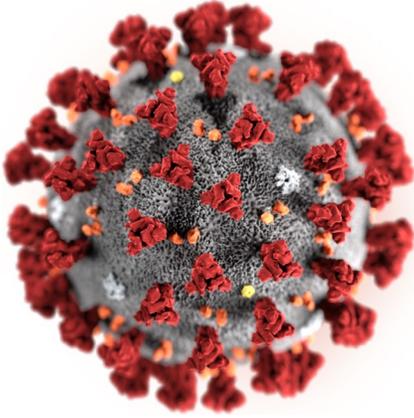
**For information or RSVP by May 19th:**

\* 224-520-9763 VP

\* [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org)



## CORONAVIRUS - COVID-19



**COVID-19** is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019.

### Symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

### Follow instructions set by the CDC :

- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance 6 feet between yourself and other people.

### How to cope with this situation:

- Take care of your body - Eat healthy meals, exercise regularly, and get plenty of sleep.
- Connect with others - Share your concerns and fears with a friend or family member.
- Take breaks - Take in deep breaths and do activities that you enjoy such as artwork, reading, walking, watching movies on TV, etc.
- Stay informed - When you feel you may miss information, you may become anxious or nervous. Watch or read news for updates from officials. Beware of rumors especially on Social Media. Always check for reliable sources (see at the end).
- Avoid too much exposure to news – Take breaks from watching to news stories.

### Best and reliable sources of information about Coronavirus:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- World Health Organization (WHO) - [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)
- [www.illinois.gov/coronavirus](http://www.illinois.gov/coronavirus)

*With Deepest  
Sympathy*

It is sad to inform the passing away of these wonderful people in March 2020 who had been attending our Deaf Social/Support Group in the past. One of them even attended our cooking class! They will be missed by many. Our condolences and prayers are with their families and friends.



Thomas Tiesman (92 years)



Barbara Keiner (71 years)

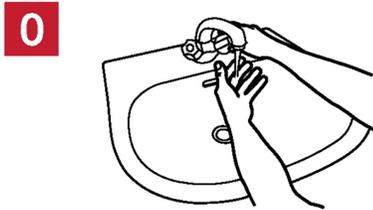


Deacon Ralph Hinch (94 years)

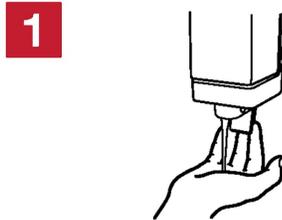
# How to Handwash?

WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED! OTHERWISE, USE HANDRUB

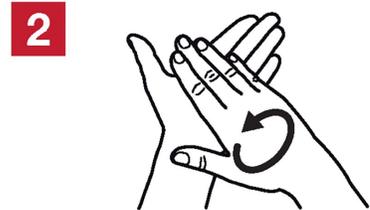
 **Duration of entire procedure: 40-60 seconds**



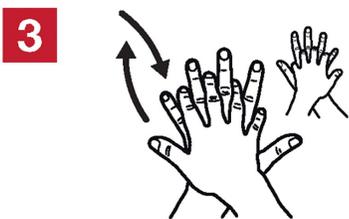
Wet hands with water;



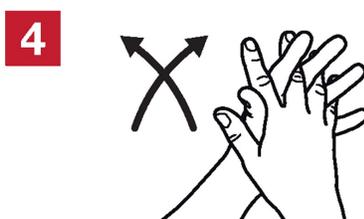
Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces;



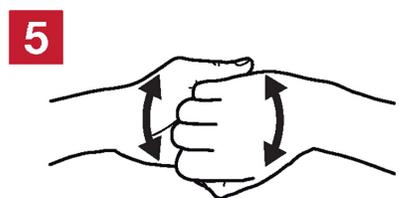
Rub hands palm to palm;



Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;



Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;



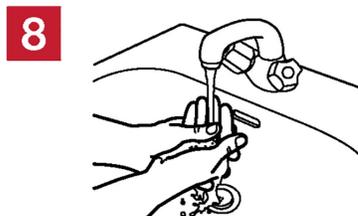
Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;



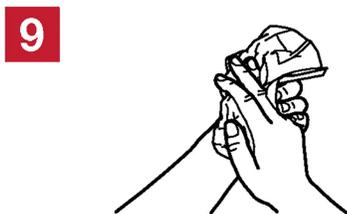
Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;



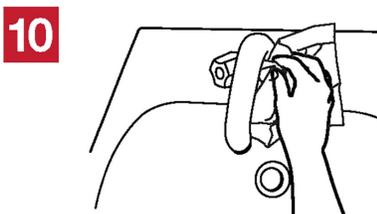
Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;



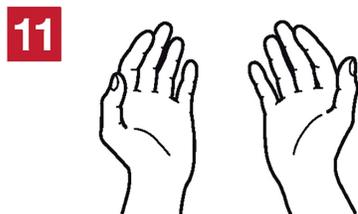
Rinse hands with water;



Dry hands thoroughly with a single use towel;



Use towel to turn off faucet;



Your hands are now safe.



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/show-me-the-science-handwashing.html>

**\*\* IMPORTANT INFORMATION \*\***  
**(Due to Coronavirus situation)**

- IRS announced that the Tax Day April 15th Deadline has been moved to July 15, 2020. IRS also extends the federal tax payments regardless of amount owed. The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds are still being issued within 21 days. Check [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for more information.
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the REAL ID deadline an additional year to October 1, 2021. Current Illinois driver's licenses or ID cards will continue to be accepted at airports, military bases and secure federal facilities until October 1, 2021. FYI: All Illinois Secretary of State offices and Driver Services facilities are closed through April 30, 2020.
- All local SSA offices are closed to the public for face-to-face service until further notice. The SSA still provides the secure and convenient online services - [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). If you are unable to do online, you can contact the National 800 Number which is 1-800-772-1213. Their normal hours (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) have changed to 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You may experience the longer wait, up to 90 minutes or more. So remain patient; otherwise, use online services or call your local office.
- Deaf Women of Chicago (DWC) will postpone the comedy shows - "Deafies in Drag" to October 9th at Center on Halsted in Chicago and 10th at Harper College in Palatine. Proceeds will go to Deaf Women United Chicago Conference 2021. Check [www.deafwomenchicago.com](http://www.deafwomenchicago.com) or on Facebook for further information. For questions or refunds, contact Marlene De Jesus-Veach: [DWChiSponsor@gmail.com](mailto:DWChiSponsor@gmail.com)
- There will be no open caption movies at AMC, Street of Woodfield, Schaumburg, through April 30th. For further information, check [www.amctheatres.com](http://www.amctheatres.com).
- National Deaf People of Color Conference 2020 which was scheduled on June 25th in Boston, MA, has been postponed. The new date will be decided at a later time.
- Oiol Festival which was scheduled on July 9 -12, 2020 at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., has been cancelled. Visit [www.oiofestival.org](http://www.oiofestival.org)
- DeafNation Spring Expo will be held in the Fall instead of the Spring. The dates are: September 19th at Rochester, NY, October 17th at Portland, OR and November 7th (TBD). Visit [www.deafnation.com](http://www.deafnation.com)
- DeafNation World Expo has been postponed to next year. The new date will be July 11-15, 2021. It is at the same hotel - Bally's Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Check [www.deafnation.com](http://www.deafnation.com)



**NEW INNOVATION FROM SORENSON**

Sorenson Relay announced a new and exciting feature - Wavello! It is a VRS (Video Relay Services) with everyone on the call (Deaf, hearing & interpreter)

who can be seen! Both Deaf and hearing people can use this feature.

Download the free Sorenson Wavello app from the App Store or Google Play. Be sure to register your phone number.

Some helpful tips: Allow notifications, enable speakerphone (or headphones) before accepting the Wavello invitation and accept the invitation from the Deaf person and Be Seen.

For more information, visit [www.sorenson.com/wavello](http://www.sorenson.com/wavello)



**MOTHER FATHER DEAF DAY**

Mother Father Deaf Day (MFDD) is celebrated on April 26, 2020 for Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) to honor their Deaf parents and celebrate their culture/ASL language. Cherish special moments and culture/ASL!



**CORRECTIONS**

Apology about the incorrect website for Deaf Women United Conference mentioned in Deaf Line, March 2020.

The correct website is [www.deafwomenchicago.com](http://www.deafwomenchicago.com)



**FREE AMPLIFIED  
PHONES AND  
CELL PHONE  
AMPLIFIERS**

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers free amplified phones and two cell phone amplifiers for qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss.

There are five phones to choose from and every three years you are eligible for another free phone. You can view phones or for more information on [www.itactty.org](http://www.itactty.org).

For questions, contact the Disability Services at 847-285-4541 V or 224-520-9763 VP.

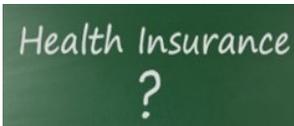


**IMPORTANT TO DO  
YOUR CENSUS!**

It is not too late to do the Census 2020 if you have not done it. The purpose of the Census will help in giving federal funds to communities for schools, roads and public services and also will help to determine the number of seats that each state has in Congress. The Census has fewer questions than in the past. Your information is completely confidential and protected by laws and cannot be shared with any other government agencies including law enforcement or immigration officials.

There are ways to do the Census - Online ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)), by phone, or by mail.

If you need assistance with the form, contact Sarita at 224-520-9763 VP and she will help you with filling out the form online. It would take 5 to 10 minutes.



**SHIP PROGRAM**

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

offers free individual counseling services at local sites throughout Illinois. There are trained volunteers who can assist with various Medicare issues. There are several SHIP counselors at Schaumburg Township who can assist you in any way. Sarita Phadke is one of the SHIP counselors. For an appointment, call 847-884-0030; 224-520-9763 VP.

**SHIP is not affiliated with any insurance company. SHIP counselors do not sell or solicit any type of insurance.**



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Earth  
Day!**

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**APRIL 2020**

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- Wednesday, April 8 - **Passover begins at sundown**
  - Friday, April 10 - **Good Friday**
  - Sunday, April 12 - **Happy Easter!**
  - Tuesday, April 14 - **Annual Town Meeting** at SCH TWP, 7 p.m.
  - Sunday - Saturday, April 19 - 25: **National Volunteer Week**
  - Tuesday, April 21 - **NO Deaf Social/Support Group**
  - Wednesday, April 22 - **Happy Earth Day**
  - Wednesday, April 22 - **SCH TWP Board Meeting** at SCH TWP, 7 p.m.

**Stay Safe & Healthy!**