

## **COVID-19 Crisis Help in Warwick - Connecting Community Members**

friendly phone call • groceries • general errands • pet care • urgent supplies

To request assistance or to volunteer...

**Visit:** www.wmacma.com **Email:** warwickmutualaid@gmail.com

Call/Text: (978) 633-5323 (monitored in Warwick day/evening)

24-hour state hotline: dial 211

A small group of us have formed the Warwick Community Mutual Aid Network, which is part of a larger group (WMA Community Mutual Aid) now organizing across Western Massachusetts. The goal is to connect community members in need during the coronavirus pandemic with others able to assist them in grocery shopping, pharmacy pickups, or even just a friendly phone call.

This is really just a formalization of what we do in Warwick on a regular basis. When one of us is sick or hospitalized, when a family member dies, or when some other calamity strikes, members of our community pitch in with meals, rides to the doctor, and firewood parties. For those of us who've been on the receiving end, it's extremely helpful and incredibly moving. We don't expect to replace our natural systems of helping each other out, but to supplement them. If the pandemic hits us hard, our usual approaches to helping each other out may be overwhelmed. And they may miss some people who need help. The mutual aid network will act as a backup and a supplement to what we're already doing.

## **Warwick Community Mutual Aid Network**

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