

**This e-mail is being sent to professionals who are interested in receiving benefits updates regarding older adults and people with disabilities.**

Hello! I found out that the North Suburban DHS Office in Rolling Meadows is open today. They are not sure if they will be open tomorrow. I have not been able to verify if any other offices in suburban Cook County are open. The Assistant Local Office Administrator (ALOA) of the North Suburban Office informed me that the Governor's Office decides on a daily basis which DHS offices will be open or not. I am guessing North Suburban is open because their foot traffic is much less than Northern, South Suburban and West Suburban. It's only a guess.

The ALOA of the North Suburban Office asked me to request that the community agencies help clients apply for benefits through ABE or direct them to ABE to apply on their own in order to prevent them from coming to the DHS Offices and possibly spreading COVID-19.

I will do my best to keep you informed about the DHS offices on a daily basis. They don't make it easy. I think I would have better luck trying to find gold from a treasure map.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions.

I am thinking about all of you and hope you are all doing well!