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**Fwd: How has COVID-19 affected your rural community?**

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Rural Illinois, a moment of your time.

COVID-19, or coronavirus, is closing schools across the nation, both urban and rural. However, we know rural schools will have to work harder and longer to accommodate their teachers, students, and communities.

This is where you come in. [Click this link](#) and tell us your story, about how you are rising above COVID-19, whether you still provide school lunches, facilitate long-distance lesson plans, or host a virtual spirit week. Share also those struggles that are unique to our communities - such as limited broadband access and budget cuts - that affect us especially during quarantines like this.

By sharing these stories, we can build awareness of the needs in rural communities while also proudly owning our rural identity. We can advocate to senators and representatives. We are rural, we are here, and we need just as much attention as urban schools - if not more - in these difficult times.

Thank you for all you do. We hope to hear from you soon. And remember, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for the latest updates on the virus and how you can stay safe.

Feel free to contact Hailey Winkleman, the NREA Advocacy Liaison for I Am A Rural Teacher, at [iaartcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:iaartcampaign@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns about submissions.

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