



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Facilities, Transportation, Staff and Volunteers

- The Food Bank's **distribution centers** in South Los Angeles and City of Industry are operating with no significant constraints with the exception of following LA County Department of Public Health guidelines.
- **The Food Bank's acquisition in August 2020 of a 256,000 sq.ft. distribution center** in the City of Industry is providing additional space while the facility is being renovated to meet the Food Bank's future needs. **A campaign to pay for the building renovations is underway, and the Food Bank is appealing for funding to complete the renovations as soon as possible, see <https://www.lafoodbank.org/building-hope/>**
- The Food Bank's truck fleet is operating with no constraints throughout LA County. **However, we are seeking donated trucking (refrigerated trucks preferred), for more information go to: <https://www.lafoodbank.org/donate/partnerships/>**
- **We are recruiting volunteers for on-site volunteer shifts, Food Bank distribution sites and our partner agencies located throughout LA County, for more information, go to: <https://www.lafoodbank.org/volunteer/>**
- Charitable food distribution continues to be deemed as an "essential" service by the State of California and Los Angeles County.

Food Volume and Inventory

- **Food distribution increased by 85% since March 2020 compared to the pre-pandemic period.**
- **401 million pounds of food, the equivalent of 320 million meals with a value of more than \$665 million, have been distributed since the crisis started in March 2020, including more than 5 million emergency food boxes distributed to families and individuals through partner agencies, direct "Drive Through" and Mobile Food Pantry distributions, school districts and other partnerships.**
- Food donations have increased since the pre-pandemic period. **The Food Bank is filling the gap between food supply and demand by purchasing truckloads of food items at wholesale prices with \$13 million of funds committed by LA County and support from other funders.**
- The Food Bank's on hand food inventory totals 6.2 million pounds, the equivalent of 5 million meals of shelf-stable, perishable and frozen food items, a three-week supply.

The Food Bank continues to search for new sources of food and product to maintain the current high volume of distribution to partner agencies and through Food Bank direct distributions.

Distribution

Food and other grocery products are distributed to people through a network of partner agencies and Food Bank direct distribution programs located throughout Los Angeles County:

- ***The Food Bank added more than 100 new agency partners during the pandemic and currently serves more than 600 partners.***
- The Food Bank has provided food to families and individuals through our Mobile Food Pantry program which have transitioned to a ***“Drive-Through” format*** whenever possible to reduce personal interaction per Public Health guidelines. ***Distributions serving families and individuals have ranged from 1,000 to 7,560 families served per distribution. A total of 700 distributions have been held since the start of the pandemic serving the communities of: Alhambra, Altadena, Athens Village, Arcadia, Arleta, Artesia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Burbank, Carson, Castaic, Commerce, Compton, Covina, Cudahy, Downey, Duarte, East Compton, East LA, El Monte, El Sereno, Florence-Graham, Gardena, Glendale, Glendora, Hacienda Heights, Hawaiian Gardens, Hawthorne, Huntington Park, Industry, Inglewood, Irwindale, La Puente, Lake Los Angeles, Lake View Terrace, Lakewood, Lancaster, Lawndale, Lennox, Lincoln Heights, Littlerock, Lomita, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Lynwood, Maywood, Mission Hills, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, North Hills, North Hollywood, Northridge, Norwalk, Palmdale, Panorama City, Paramount, Pasadena, Pico Rivera, Pomona, Porter Ranch, Quartz Hill, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Fernando, San Pedro, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica, South El Monte, South LA, South Gate, South Pasadena, Sun Valley, Sylmar, Torrance, Van Nuys, West Covina, Westmont, Wilmington, Willowbrook and Whittier.***
- The Food Bank provides food packages to 28,000 seniors every month at distribution sites throughout LA County. ***The Food Bank has developed new partnerships to deliver food to the homes of seniors and is also supplementing other senior meal distributions with food items.***
- ***The Food Bank has supplemented school district meal distributions for schoolchildren with additional food for the families at the LA Unified School District and other school districts. With schools opening, our Children’s Nutrition Programs have transitioned back to the Backpack, Children’s Breakfast and After-School Meal programs.***

In a typical month before the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Food Bank provided food to 300,000 adults, seniors and children through our partner agency network and Food Bank direct distribution programs. ***The number of people served has increased markedly and is now estimated to be 800,000 people served on a monthly basis. During 2021, the average monthly number of people served was 900,000 people per month while 1+ million people were served monthly during 2020 at the peak of demand.***

Food Assistance: For people seeking food assistance go to the Food Bank’s food pantry locator at: <https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

Other important sources of food assistance include:

CalFresh: Call 866-613-3777 or go to www.GetCalFresh.org to apply.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program: Call 888-942-9675 to apply.

Senior/Older Adults: For meals from LA County and City of LA, call 800-510-2020

211 LA County is the information & referral agency, go to www.211la.org or call 211

For Los Angeles Regional Food Bank information and updates, go to <https://www.lafoodbank.org>