



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Facilities, Transportation, Staff and Volunteers

- The Food Bank's **distribution centers** in South Los Angeles and Commerce are operating with no significant constraints with the exception of following LA County Department of Public Health guidelines. **Forty-eight employees have fully recovered from COVID-19 and have returned to work since the start of the pandemic in March 2020.** Food Bank employees and some volunteers, including our partner agencies, are now eligible to receive the vaccine, which is an important new development. In addition to the daily cleaning by Food Bank custodial staff, the Food Bank continues to monitor the situation closely for employees and volunteers.
- **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. Renovations are expected to be completed by February 2022.
- 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 (ages 18 years or older) 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 has increased by 125% compared to the pre-pandemic period.**
- **194 million pounds of food, the equivalent of 158 million meals with a value of more than \$290 million, have been distributed since the crisis started in March 2020, including more than 2 million emergency food boxes distributed to families and individuals (6 million individuals served in total) through partner agencies and direct "Drive Through" and Mobile Food Pantry distributions.**
- Food donations have increased by 120 percent 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 \$10.1 million of funds committed by LA County to date.**
- The Food Bank's on hand food inventory totals 14.1 million pounds, the equivalent of 11.5 million meals of shelf-stable, perishable and frozen food items, approximately a five-week supply.

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:

- To date, 45 partner agency sites have reported that they have suspended food distributions, with the majority of the sites being food pantries that distribute groceries to families and individuals. ***The vast majority of agencies served by the Food Bank are still operating and have experienced continued record demand for food assistance by families and individuals***
- ***The Food Bank has added 100 new agency partners since the Coronavirus crisis started.***
- The Food Bank provides 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. ***Recent distributions serving families and individuals heavily impacted by layoffs, furloughs or a decrease in work hours have ranged from 1,000 to 7,560 families served per distribution. More than 270 distributions have been held 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, Glendale, Glendora, Hacienda Heights, Hawaiian Gardens, Hawthorne, Huntington Park, Industry, Inglewood, Irwindale, La Puente, Lake Los Angeles, Lake View Terrace, Lancaster, Lennox, Lincoln Heights, Littlerock, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Lynwood, Maywood, Mission Hills, Montebello, Monterey Park, North Hills, Northridge, Norwalk, Palmdale, Panorama City, Paramount, Pasadena, Pico Rivera, Pomona, Quartz Hill, San Fernando, San Pedro, Santa Monica, South LA, South Gate, South Pasadena, Sun Valley, Sylmar, Torrance, Van Nuys, West Covina, Westmont, Wilmington, Willowbrook, Whittier.***
- The Food Bank provides food packages to 27,000 seniors every month at distribution sites throughout LA County. ***With Governor Newsom's request for seniors age 65 and older to stay at home, the Food Bank has developed new partnerships to deliver food to seniors and is also supplementing the distributions of LA County senior meals with food items.***
- ***With school closures, the Food Bank has been supplementing school district's “Grab and Go” meal distributions for schoolchildren with additional food for the families at the LA and Inglewood Unified School Districts and 10 other school districts.***

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 at more than 900,000 people served over the course of a month.***

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 visit www.GetCalFresh.org to apply.

Grab & Go Meals for School-Aged Children: Contact your local school district for information.

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>