



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Key Facts and Statistics:

Facilities, Transportation and Volunteers

- The Food Bank's **two 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, including for social distancing. For this reason, both facilities are closed to the public.
- 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/>** The U.S. National Guard has been deployed and is providing its help on-site by assembling food boxes for distribution.
- 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 from the Food Bank's two distribution centers has increased by 80% compared to the first two months of 2020 and this time last year.**
- **44 million pounds of food, the equivalent of 36 million meals, have been distributed since the crisis started in March, including 805,000 emergency food boxes distributed to families and individuals (2.4 million individuals served in total) through partner agencies and direct distributions.**
- Food donations have increased by 60 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 utilizing \$10 million of funds committed by Los Angeles County.**
- The Food Bank's on hand food inventory totals 9 million pounds, the equivalent of 7.5 million meals of shelf-stable, perishable and frozen food items, approximately a three-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, 40 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. ***For the vast majority of agencies still operating, their request for food (i.e., online order) is continuing to increase as they are experiencing an increased demand for food assistance.***
- ***The Food Bank has added 45 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.*** With the closure of some partner agency sites and the increased demand for food assistance, the Food Bank is scheduling additional Drive Through distributions throughout LA County. ***More than 120 distributions have been held serving the communities of Altadena, Athens Village, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bell, Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, Covina, Downey, Duarte, East Los Angeles, El Monte, Glendale, Hawaiian Gardens, Hawthorne, Huntington Park, Industry, Inglewood, La Puente, Lake Los Angeles, Lake View Terrace, Lancaster, Lennox, Lynwood, Littlerock, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maywood, North Hills, Norwalk, Mission Hills, Monterey Park, North Hills, Panorama City, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Pomona, San Fernando, San Pedro, South Los Angeles, South Gate, Sylmar, Torrance, Van Nuys, Wilmington and Whittier.***
- The Food Bank provides food packages to 27,800 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 a partnership with Amazon to deliver food to seniors. The Food Bank is also supplementing the distributions of LA County senior meals with shelf stable food items.***
- ***With school closures, the Food Bank is 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:

LA County DPSS: If you have lost your job, or just need assistance, please apply for CalFresh and other benefits online **by visiting the Your Benefits Now (YBN) website at** <http://dpss.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpss/main/programs-and-services/calfresh/> **and clicking on the YBN logo to get started.**

Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program: Go to <https://www.phfewic.org/how-wic-works/apply-for-wic/>

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 <https://www.211la.org/> or call 211

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