

# Food resources during COVID-19

## Free food for families

The City of Philadelphia is working with Share Food Program and Philabundance to support food sites where residents can pick up supplemental food.

[A list and map of sites are available on phila.gov.](#)

About the food sites:

- Sites are open Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Residents can pick up one box of food per household.
- Residents do not need to present an ID or proof of income for eligibility.

## Free meals for students

While schools are closed due to COVID-19, the City of Philadelphia, the School District of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Housing Authority, and many charter schools are providing free meals for students.

[A list and map of all youth meal sites are available on phila.gov.](#)

About the student meal sites:

- Any child is eligible at any student meal site. No ID is required.
- 49 School District schools are open from 9 a.m. - noon on Mondays and Thursdays. Each child will receive six grab-and-go meals.
- Six Philadelphia Housing Authority community centers are open from 9 a.m. - noon every weekday. Each child will receive breakfast and lunch.
- Several charter schools are also distributing meals. Times and days vary.

## Free meals for older adults

Grab-and-go meals will be available for seniors between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at **three older adult centers**: [Northeast](#), [Mann](#), and [Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

The Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) is continuing delivery services and distribution of meals at their senior centers. Call the PCA helpline at 215-765-9040 for more information.

## Food banks and pantries

Food banks will be open and delivering food to many agencies, pantries, shelters, and soup kitchens during the COVID-19 response.

**Call 311 for help finding a food pantry. Make sure to call the pantry in advance to confirm their hours.**

### Who can get food from a food bank or pantry?

- Persons who are out of work without pay are eligible to receive food from a food bank or food pantry in Pennsylvania, including:
  - Service workers who are unable to get shifts
  - Hourly wage employees of non-essential businesses that have closed

### How can I get food from a food bank or pantry?

- Signatures on [Self Declaration of Need](#) forms have been temporarily waived due to COVID-19. You will be asked to provide verbal confirmation of your need as well as your household size and weekly income level as of the day you go to receive food.
- Residents of Philadelphia can also find food in their neighborhood by calling WhyHunger at 1-800-548-6479 (English and Spanish available) or at the [Philabundance website](#).
- You can also contact [Community Resource Connect](#) and enter your zip code to find food and other resources for you and your family.
- **Remember: Before you visit a food bank or pantry, call ahead to confirm it is open.**

### What if I'm under quarantine or isolation?

- Contact a food bank or food resource organization to see if they are delivering food (see above).
- Food banks are following guidance to limit exposures and ensure the health of residents.

## SNAP (food stamps)

County Assistance Offices are not open to the public, but staff are processing applications and paperwork. There are drop boxes and paper copies of applications outside of the offices. Office locations can be found at the [Hunger Coalition website](#).

You can also call the County Assistance Office Customer Service Center line for Philadelphia: 215-560-7226.



**WIC (Woman, Infants and Children Program):**

All WIC offices will be open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. You will be able to load your eWIC card with 3 months of benefits while keeping a safe distance from others. You may also apply over the phone or send someone else to the office for you, but you need to call the WIC office ahead of time to notify them. This person should bring an ID with them. WIC office locations and phone numbers can be found at the [Philadelphia WIC Program website](#).