



March 24, 2020

This message is being sent to all members of the Central Texas Food Bank Partner Agency network.

COVID-19 Update

Partner Agencies:

The following are important updates regarding operations during coronavirus (COVID-19), effective March 24, 2020.

Network Check-In Call

This is a reminder to please join us for a Network Check-in Call with Derrick Chubbs, Central Texas Food Bank President & CEO on Thursday, March 26, 2020 from 10:30am-11:30am.

Given the anticipated turn-out on this call, we're collecting questions in advance. Any questions you'd like to submit are due today by using this form:

<https://centraltexasfoodbank.wufoo.com/forms/network-checkin-call-questions-survey/>

On the call, we will share the state of the network's COVID-19 response, provide CTFB updates, and answer questions submitted by partners. Following the update from Derrick the Agency Relations Team will offer some technical guidance and clarify the temporary changes to the TEFAP eligibility process.

If possible, we are encouraging partners from the same organization to call-in together, maintaining social distancing, as the number of callers is limited with our conferencing service.

We will send call-in instructions for accessing this call later this week.

Shelter in Place Order

Based on CTFB's current understanding of the new "[Stay Home, Work Safe](#)" Order issued by [Austin Mayor Steve Adler](#) this morning, food banks and charitable service organizations providing food to economically disadvantaged households are exempt from the individual travel restrictions in the order. This exemption applies to both your employees and your volunteers, as long as they are traveling to an Essential Business providing an Essential Service as defined in the order. All individuals should comply, to the greatest extent possible, with social distancing guidelines provided in the order.

Emergency Box Details



Beginning this week, we are offering pre-packed boxes of shelf-stable product averaging 26-28lb per box on the shopping list for a \$5 per box handling fee. Below is a list of the items that are included in that box.

Pack Size	Description	# of Items per Box
1 lb bag	White Rice	2
1 lb bag	Pinto Beans	2
7.5 oz can	Lasagna	2
7.5 oz can	Mac N Cheese	2
15 oz can	Applesauce	2
15 oz can	Peach Halves in Juice	2
5 oz can	Chunk Tuna in Water	4
7 oz can	Pork & Beans	3
15 oz can	Tomato Sauce	2
7.5 oz can	Beef Stew	6
18 oz jar	Peanut Butter	1
19 oz bottle	Grape Jelly	1
7.5 oz can	Chili with Beans	1
16 oz bag	Elbow Macaroni	3
14.5 oz can	HEB Green Beans	3

If your organization has the ability to accept bulk product and bag/box it yourselves, we ask that you continue to do so in order to reserve these emergency boxes for organizations with smaller volunteer bases and limited capacity to bag/box themselves.

Ice Available

CTFB has plenty of bags of ice in inventory available for zero handling fee. If you need ice, please reach out to agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org and we will coordinate getting it to your organization.

General Reminders

We want to know if your distribution has changed (or is going to change) due to COVID-19. If you're closing, re-opening, adjusting hours, or modifying your distribution model, please reach out to your Agency Relations Specialist with that updated information or share it via email at agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org or our partner agency hotline by calling (512) 684-2503.

Remember, we will be sharing COVID-19 resources for partners and our most updated communications on our website [here](#).

Contact The Team

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