



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Mayor Libby Schaaf

**SUBJECT:** Summary of Current Food Distribution Programs

**DATE:** June 8, 2020

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### INFORMATION

This document summarizes the City of Oakland's response to the rising food insecurity and other needs for Oakland's most vulnerable populations, such as low-income families, children, unhoused residents, and seniors, as a result of the ongoing coronavirus public health crisis. Many residents were already struggling to meet basic needs before the pandemic, and the need for food assistance has been increasing. The City and its partners have been able to quickly mobilize a wide variety of resources to ramp up food distribution and delivery in the wake of this crisis.

As of the week of June 1-7, roughly 265,000 meals per week are being distributed to the most vulnerable populations in Oakland (including approximately 213,000 meals provided through Oakland Unified School District). This is expected to increase by the week of June 21-27 (due to the expected expansion of Human Services Department's Summer Food Service Program).

Food distribution points and partners throughout the City of Oakland can be found at [www.oaklandca.gov/food](http://www.oaklandca.gov/food). Residents can call 2-1-1 or 510-238-FOOD (3663) to learn where they may be able to qualify to pick-up meals, produce, or sign-up for food delivery services. Below is a brief summary of food distribution and delivery programs across the city. This does not include many of the community organizations and faith-based organizations that are also providing food to vulnerable residents.

#### **Great Plates Delivered**

- The City of Oakland's Great Plates Delivered program was announced via press release on May 20, 2020 to help feed seniors over the age of 65 and those ages 60-64 that meet at-risk requirements for COVID-19.
- As of the week of June 1-7, the Great Plates Delivered program is delivering **4,800 meals** per week (800 per day, Monday through Saturday) to 400 senior households. Those that qualify receive four (4) meals every three (3) days from Mon.-Sat. An additional 100 seniors are expected to be added next week.

- Great Plates Delivered being coordinated by the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Logistics Division. It is a partnership between FEMA, the State of California, City of Oakland and World Central Kitchen (WCK). Food is prepared by local restaurants and caterers - primarily owned by women and people of color - who are experiencing a loss in business due to the coronavirus pandemic. Meals are delivered by City of Oakland staff deployed as Disaster Service Workers (DSW).
- The State has asked FEMA to extend the program through early August and expects to get a decision by early next week.

### **Feed Oakland**

- Through partnerships with World Central Kitchen and the Alameda County Food Bank, DSWs distribute prepared meals at three different Oakland Public Library (OPL) branch locations – 81st Ave. Community Library, Cesar E. Chavez Branch Library and West Oakland Branch Library. In all, these branches provide **5600 meals and 80 bags of produce per week**. There are no eligibility requirements for the public to receive food.
- The 81st Ave. Branch distributed 800 prepared meals three times per week (MWF, 12 PM – 2PM) on a first-come, first-served basis for a total of **2400 per week**. The Chavez Branch distributes 600 prepared meals twice per week (Tu & Th, 12 PM – 2 PM) on a first-come, first-served basis for a total of **1200 meals per week**. These meals are provided by WCK and prepared by local restaurants and caterers who are experiencing a loss of business due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- The West Oakland Branch distributes 40 bags of produce twice per week (Tu & Th, 12 PM – 2 PM) for a total of **80 bags per week**. Produce bags are provided by the Alameda County Food Bank. Distribution will soon shift to the West Oakland Senior Center. This effort is also supported by World Central Kitchen.
- In addition, Rainbow Recreation center has just added meal pick up that is expected to expand to **1000 meals twice per week** (Tuesday and Thursday).

### **Human Services Department (HSD)**

#### **Summer Food Service Program**

- HSD announced Oakland's Summer Food Service Program via press release on June 1, 2020. There are 26 sites across Oakland – 12 “open” locations and 14 “closed locations – distributing food through this program, which is administered by the California Department of Education Nutrition Services Division. The “open” locations are available for all kids age 18 & under, and adults with disabilities enrolled in a school program. The “closed” locations are not open to the public for drop-in service.
- In the first week of service, the Summer Food Service Program expects to be able to provide **24,180 meals** (two (2) per child) across all 26 sites. Meal availability is expected to increase based on demand to 31,930 by June 8 (June 8-14) and to 34,330 by the week of June 22.

#### **Homelessness and Hunger**

- **4470 meals per week** are being distributed weekly across nine (9) locations - five (5) community cabin sites, two (2) safe RV parking sites, and two (2) clinics (CORE & Roots)

each week. Food is provided by WCK and delivered to locations by Operation Dignity, Turning Point, Roots, and HCEB.

- Outreach meals, targeted for our unsheltered, are being coordinated by 12 different non-profit groups throughout Oakland. **4160 meals** are distributed weekly by City Team, East Oakland Collective, Roots, Trust Clinic, HEPPAC and the Family First Foundation.
- Emergency Food Providers Network provides **3,500 bags of groceries one time per month** at 10-13 community sites throughout Oakland.

### **Head Start**

- Head Start is providing **502 families three times per week** through three central locations – East Oakland Senior Center, Downtown Oakland Senior Center, and Laney Children’s Center. **6,600 meals are distributed weekly** through these sites and includes groceries, diapers and educational materials.

### **Aging and Adult Services**

- HSD supports multiple food delivery programs with grants including; SOS Meals on Wheels, Spectrum, and Mercy Brown Bag serving vulnerable seniors in their home and at residential facilities.
- The Downtown and North Oakland Senior Centers are distributing **400 meals and bags of produce per week** at drive-through meal sites operating Monday-Friday from 12noon-1:00pm.
- Senior Companions Program in collaboration with LIFE Elder Care is home delivering over 50 meals and fresh produce twice per week to fragile seniors enrolled in SCP.
- East Oakland Senior Center is distributing up to **600 bags of food per week** including meat, fresh produce, and toilet paper. There is a home delivery option.

### **Other Non-City Resources**

#### **Oakland Unified School District (OUSD)**

- The Nutrition Services Department is operating 24 pick-up locations throughout the city where “Grab and Go” meals will be available for any Oakland child aged 18 and under. Pick up days are Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The program runs from June 1, 2020 through July 21, 2020. For more information, visit [www.ousd.org/summermeals](http://www.ousd.org/summermeals).
- OUSD had distributed **1,291,579 meals** between March 16 through April 30, 2020.

#### **Alameda County Community Food Bank**

- The Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) also provides groceries and hot meals.
- The City of Oakland generously provided 24 Disaster Service Workers to support the ACCFB for a one-month assignment.
- Residents can either call their helpline at: 1-800-870-FOOD (3663) or 1-510-635-3663 or visit FoodNow.net Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Services are available in multiple languages and messages will be returned that day.

**HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

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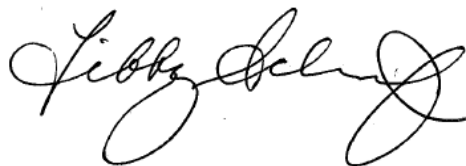
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- They also provide assistance with CalFresh applications. CalFresh is a nutrition program that helps you feed your family healthy meals every day. With our help, you can have a better chance of being approved.

**Summary Table**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Target Population</b>	<b>Number of Meals per Week</b>	<b>Grocery Bags</b>	<b>Estimated People Served</b>
Great Plates Delivered	Seniors 65 and up and 60-64 who meet COVID at risk requirements	4,800		400
Feed Oakland	No eligibility requirements	5,600	80	2,300
HSD Summer Food Program	All kids 18 and under and adults with disabilities enrolled in a school program	24,180		12,100
HSD Homelessness and Hunger Program	Unsheltered residents, Community residents in high need areas	8, 630	3,500	2050
HSD Head Start	Families enrolled in Head Start	6,600		502 families
HSD Aging and Adult Services	Seniors enrolled in senior centers and in senior companion program, community residents	2,800	600	1,330
OUSD	Oakland children age 18 and under (some adult meals are provided)	213,000	23,835	25,172 Children 13,000 Adults
Alameda County Community Food Bank	No eligibility requirements	No data for Oakland specifically	No data for Oakland specifically	No data for Oakland specifically

Respectfully submitted,



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