

Twice Weekly COVID-19 Check-In Meetings



Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Schedule

Tuesdays from 9:00 am – 10:00 am through August

Today's Focus

COVID-19 WA Emergency Food Box Initiative

Office of the Governor – JT Austin, Sr. Policy Advisor to Governor Inslee

Washington State Department of Agriculture – Derek Sandison, Director

Food Lifeline – Linda Nageotte, CEO

Second Harvest – Jason Clark, CEO

Northwest Harvest – Thomas Reynolds, CEO

Q&A

Questions, Feedback and Clarifications

Next Mtg.

Tuesday, August 4th 9:00 am – 10:00 am

The Food Security Coordination Team



- Led by JT Austin of the Governor's Office and Director Sandison of WSDA, the Food Security Coordination Team mobilized in March and convenes every other week.
- **State Objectives –**
 - Maximize low-barrier food access among new and existing food insecure populations
 - Support and sustain operations of established hunger relief organizations in the statewide network
 - Provide guidance, resources and operating flexibilities from established program procedures to maximize safety of hunger relief staff and volunteers
 - Coordinate between State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), FEMA, WSDA, Governor's Office, and all other state and federal nutrition and food assistance programs, as well as among largest NGO food bank organizations for efficiency and clarity
 - Support efforts to bring other food streams (donations) back within the hunger relief network
- **Looking Ahead –**
 - Monitor increased demand for state, federal and community-based hunger relief in August
 - Continued support of emergency food box and emergency food procurement and distribution
 - Develop a state-funded staffing plan to reduce future reliance on National Guard
 - Begin scenario planning and strategy development for 3 month intervals; gather input from FSCT

WSDA's COVID-19 Food Security Response



Looking Ahead –

- Continued investment in established Food Assistance Programs (EFAP & EFAP Tribal) and COVID pilots (AMI, Charlie's Produce)
- Procure TEFAP replacement food for Aug/Sept
- Additional investment in emergency food system capacity and infrastructure
- Sustain partnership with NGOs for emergency food box and cased out bulk emergency food through September and beyond
- Establish a reserve of emergency food to be agile in the face of a surge in demand in August or beyond
- Federal advocacy in supportive of relief provisions that fund hunger relief, support agricultural producers, and mitigate food bank demand.





Partner Agency Update

- Continuing to offer Emergency Food Boxes to agencies preferring these.
- At the request of agency partners, restoring access to our Agency Express online ordering partner the first week in August.
- **Food streams we will be restoring / offering:**
 - The same food items that were inside the pre-packed food boxes, provided instead in “cased out” quantities.
 - Boxes
 - A variety of donated foods (assorted products from donors, donated fresh produce, etc.)
 - TEFAP
 - CFAP
 - Complementary Order Up! products
 - Shop the Dock





Partner Agency Update

Our team is working to deliver a reliable, steady and measured return of a variety of food streams.

We want our agency partners to experience:

- The opportunity to order what you need each week
- Access to the foods and food streams that match the needs of the clients/guests you serve
- Ability to add to your orders via Shop the Dock
- Order accuracy
- Strong customer service





Partner Agency Update

Please continue asking questions, raising concerns and offering your insights. We're better together!

- Join our bi-weekly Partner Agency Calls. Our next network call is Thursday, August 6th at 3pm.
- Send your thoughts, concerns and questions to:
Feedback@FoodLifeline.org



Summer 2020 Strategies to Distribute Emergency Food & Washington Emergency Food Boxes



Healthy Food. Every Person. Every Day.



- Second Harvest Warehouse Will-Call Pickups
 - ✓ Providing agency partners with on-demand produce, CFAP, fresh and frozen food boxes
- Increasing Delivery Routes
 - ✓ Hiring additional drivers, leasing or renting additional trucks, and increasing frequency of delivery routes to rural and urban partner agencies
- Partnership with the Spokane Food Fighters
 - ✓ Providing home delivery to individuals unable to visit a food bank
- Partnership with At the Core and Spokane Public Schools
 - ✓ Providing community distributions of emergency food boxes at meal distribution sites and housing complexes
- Conducting Direct Drive-Thru and Walk-Up Distributions
 - ✓ Second Harvest Mobile Market Events at various locations as needed
 - ✓ Providing additional fresh and frozen food boxes

Northwest Harvest



- Maintaining emergency food box production
- Supporting state with food security model adoption
- Executing on our 13-county strategy
- Communicating with partner programs
- Advocating for public policies that maximize support for the most at-risk communities



Communication is Key



- We share a concern that August could be a difficult month for many Washingtonians, both due to increased rates of COVID and new economic challenges as federal relief programs, like enhanced unemployment benefits, sunset on 7/31.
- If your agency experiences food, personnel or supply shortages, or a marked increase in demand, we need to know in order to help. If you experience shortages or have additional questions, concerns, suggestions, or feedback, please contact:

1. Your County Lead TEFAP/EFAP Contractor(s)

2. Your WA Emergency Food Box County Lead Agency

Food Lifeline

Northwest Harvest

Second Harvest

3. WSDA Food Assistance & Food Security Response Team

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(Staffing, Supplies, Emergency Food Feedback)



Thank You!

