



Recommendations for Food Banks and Food Ministries

- Enhance sanitation measures: Have antibacterial wipes in all areas and sanitize doorknobs, surfaces and rooms more frequently.
 - Consider using hospital-grade germicide on high-touch areas like trays, door handles and light switches.
- Do not offer self-serve meals.
- Prepackaged meals are encouraged.
- Drive-through distribution: The food bank itself, including restroom facilities, will be closed to public entrance.
- Pre-package grocery bags of non-perishable items: These will be distributed in the parking lot by gloved volunteers. Perishable items will be added to the bag depending on availability including: produce, meat, dairy, and bread. For neighbors who are homeless offer no-cook bags.
- If remaining open to the public, limit the number of people allowed in at one time. Customers who are sick should ask a friend or family member to come in and shop for them.
- Enclose a prayer card with each bag or prepackaged meal or item.
- Offer hygiene items. These will be accessed along with groceries. Items available may include: toilet paper, diapers, feminine hygiene products, wipes and ibuprofen.
- Document who's doing the handing out of groceries and meals so if there is an outbreak, public health can track the vectors.
- Consider meal delivery for those who may be sick.
- Require volunteers, as always, to wash hands and wear gloves prior to working with food. Do not allow volunteers to work while sick.
- Stay connected to your community resources and follow recommendations of your local Public Health Department.
- Ensure you have enough reserves. Consider preparing quarantine boxes.

