

Please Note: Hunger Relief Update - April 27, 2020: Information and Resources.

Please note that there is a correction concerning the School District of Palm Beach County BreakSpot Grab 'n Go sites which has been made below: Sites are open Tuesday and Thursday this week and only on Thursdays in May. Each student will be receiving 2 days' worth of meals on Tuesday and 6 days' worth of meals on Thursdays.

Greetings,

Please see the attached Hunger Relief Update as of April 27, 2020. Please note that below you will find (1) a list of food resources (2) additional food resource news and grant opportunities (3) resource and stakeholder updates from DCF.

1. Where to find food:

- [Click here for 211's comprehensive summary of food sites](#) - when you click this link, please scroll down for links to information about Food Sites/Pantry Information/Food Distribution information.
- [Click here](#) to find food through **Feeding South Florida**
- [Click here](#) to find food through **Palm Beach County Food Bank**
- [Click here for School District](#) locations providing meals at each School District of Palm Beach County site. Sites are open Tuesday and Thursday this week and only on Thursdays in May. Each student will be receiving 2 days worth of meals on Tuesday and 6 days worth of meals on Thursdays.
- [Click here for FLIPANY locations](#) distributing food from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and three locations that are distributing food from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- [Click here for information about Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County](#) locations distributing Grab 'n Go bags and other food.
- [Click here for information about Palm Beach County Youth Services](#) Grab 'n Go sites at Highridge Family Center and five Palm Beach County library locations around the County.
- Click here for the link to [WPTV's "We're Open"](#), and online map and list of businesses that are open in Palm Beach County.
- The City of West Palm Beach also has a comprehensive list of open restaurants, "**West Palm Eats**" and how to order [here](#).
- **Hospitality Helping Hands** - Wednesdays 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Grocery distribution while supplies last. 3950 Georgia Avenue Web: www.hospitalityhelpinghands.org
- **Police Athletic League** - Saturdays 9:00 am – 11:00 am Provides a drive-up, no contact, weeks' worth of groceries to make meals. 720 N. Tamarind Phone: (561) 835-7195
- **Food Pantry from the Coalition for Independent Living Options** - Available by appointment for individuals living with disabilities. Email or call to set up an appointment. Phone: (561) 966-4288, ext. 105 Email: cilo@cilo.org
- **Basics 4 Babies** - Call for availability. Program that offers formula, baby food, and diapers for children ages birth-3 to families in Palm Beach County. Phone: (561) 623-2800 Email: pantry@hmhbppbc.org

2. **Additional News:**

Seniors:

AAA has added a new food supplier, *Toojay's*, and will deliver 5,600 meals on April 30, 2020.

- Week one – one day at two locations
- Week two – two days at four locations
- Week three – three days at six locations

Seniors who need food should contact the Elder Helpline at 866-684-5885. The PBC Senior Centers are still being used as distribution sites and Palm Tran continues to deliver food to the homes

of seniors. *For seniors who are confused or don't remember that number, they can call 2-1-1 who will direct them.*

Hunger Relief is working with United Farmers Alliance (UFA), a group of Palm Beach County farmers, working on solutions to get product from the farms to the at-risk

communities in Palm Beach County. UFA began moving product into our communities the week of April 20, 2020.

Palm Beach County Food Bank partner pantries re-opened the week of April 20, 2020:

Agencies Re-Opening	Location
The Arc of the Glades	Belle Glade
Riviera Beach Community Outreach	Riviera Beach
Club 100	Lake Park
Community Outreach Foundation Mission	Riviera Beach
Heart of Gold	West Palm Beach
El Sol	Jupiter
Villages of Hope	Lake Park
Estella's Brilliant Bus	West Palm Beach

CROS Ministries Food Pantry at El Sol in Jupiter is expected to open the week of April 27, 2020.

Masks, gloves, and disinfecting supplies were secured for four food pantries and will be delivered on Monday, April 27, 2020. This will enable them to reopen:

St. Rita Catholic Church	Wellington
Jeff Industries	Lantana
More Than Conquerors Life Center	West Palm Beach
Cidra Church	West Palm Beach

Online Grocery Purchase Pilot Program: USDA approved Florida’s request to launch an online grocery purchase pilot program. Florida’s SNAP recipients will now be able to use EBT cards to make eligible food purchases. A pilot program will launch in Tallahassee on April 16 expanding statewide on April 21. For more information about the online purchasing pilot, please visit: <https://myflfamilies.com/covid19/access.shtml> [lnks.gd]

Grant Opportunities:

COVID-19 Relief Fund for Palm Beach County: The fund is aimed to provide the basics for many of our neighbors living with the pandemic’s unintended consequences. <https://unitedwaypbcc.org/coronavirus/>

American Heart Association: [Voices for Healthy Kids](#), a joint initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Heart Association (AHA), announces the launch of the **new Voices for Healthy Kids COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant**

Opportunity. In response to the current environment, they are leveraging our strengths, proven infrastructure and resources to support COVID-19 response and relief efforts to meet the immediate needs as defined by the communities we serve. These grants are targeted at safety net issues most closely related to the Voices for Healthy Kids body of work. Preference will be given to community-based organizations with demonstrated experiences working to build power in communities most impacted by health inequities including Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian and Alaskan Native or from families who have low income. Organizations “of community” and with lived experience are strongly encouraged to apply.

Covid-19 Rapid Response Grant, Policy Campaign Opportunity, and Rapid Response and Finish Line funding opportunities explained [here](#). The Beneficial

Business Exchange can be found [here](#). With relationships in communities across the country, the American Heart Association is launching this platform to help facilitate critical connections needed to bridge the gaps. AHA is hoping that some of our partners decide to enroll and share either needs or resources.

3. Additional Information:

- DCF continues to update its COVID-19 page with important information: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/covid19/>
- For the latest updates from our Economic Self-Sufficiency (ESS) ACCESS Program use the following link: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/covid19/access.shtml>. Recent information has been added regarding the use of EBT card to make online grocery purchases.
- The Office of Refugee Resettlement recently distributed a flyer developed by the Refugee Council USA that gives refugees guidance on the CARES Act: https://rcusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CARES_Act_Flyer.pdf
- The Florida Department of Health continues to provide updates through its COVID-19 webpage: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>
- The latest information from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) can be found here: <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/uscis-response-coronavirus-2019-covid-19>
- Economic Impact Payments are now being distributed by the IRS: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>
- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) continues to process Reemployment Assistance benefits online: <http://www.floridajobs.org/RAApplication>. For those that are having trouble submitting an application online, individuals may mail an application directly to DEO: <http://www.floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance/claimants/rapaperapplication>. Please note, Governor DeSantis (via Executive Order 20-104) has suspended the biweekly “actively seeking work” reporting requirement: <https://connect.myflorida.com/maintenance>
- Switchboard, a website supported by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), is a one-stop resource hub for refugee services providers in the United States. The site offers tools and materials, learning opportunities, research, and technical assistance on resettlement related topics. For more information visit: <https://switchboardta.org/>
- Many local Aging and Disability Resource Centers (often referred to as Area Agency on Aging) are providing meals to senior citizens. For links to your nearest site, use the following interactive map: <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/arc.php>
- Palm Beach County is offering regular updates, news, and resources through its COVID-19 webpage: <http://discover.pbcgov.org/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx>
- Step Up for Students is offering five scholarships to children in various types of situations (low income, bullied youth, etc.). Learn more here: <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/>
- The 2020 census can be completed online: <https://2020census.gov/>

Take good care and have a good week.

My best,
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