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Food Bank announces next drive-up distribution

Duquesne, PA (April 2, 2020) – Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (the Food Bank) today announced an emergency drive-up food distribution set to take place at the organization's warehouse in Duquesne from **noon to 3 p.m. on Monday, April 6.**

For the safety of the staff and volunteers working to set-up the event, those attending the event are asked to **plan to arrive no earlier than 11 a.m.** via the intersection of 837 (South Duquesne Blvd.) and South Linden St. Those arriving earlier than 11 a.m. may be asked to come back. Additionally, no cars arriving after 3 p.m. will be able to receive food assistance. Local law enforcement will once again assist the organization with traffic control.

For the safety of all staff, volunteers and attendees, the Food Bank is asking individuals to follow a couple of guidelines.

- For everyone's safety and to maintain the six-foot social distancing guideline, individuals must stay in their cars at all times except to use the provided outdoor restroom facilities placed along Linden St. Leaving cars to socialize is prohibited.
- After pulling up to distribution area, please put the car in park and then unlock the trunk or backseat for food to be loaded. For everyone's safety, volunteers will not be able to load food into the cars until they are in park.
- To maintain social distancing, when food is being loaded into the car, please do not get out of the car.
- Stay alert and follow the guidance of Food Bank staff and police as they direct cars through the distribution area.

In the interest of serving as many cars as possible, individuals attending this and any future Food Bank emergency food distribution will receive one food share per car regardless of the number of families or groups in the vehicle. A food share provides enough food for at least 25 meals. The organization's network of food pantries is strong and ready to assist those who need additional assistance with food.

In these uncertain times, the Food Bank is committed to continuing its nearly 40-year mission of feeding people in need and mobilizing the community to eliminate hunger. The organization is continuously monitoring this everchanging situation and evaluating the best way to provide assistance to individuals and families in need of food assistance.

Understanding that this is an incredibly stressful time on families and children who rely on school meals, the Food Bank is working with school districts to ensure they have the resources, information and community partner support they need to be able to serve meals to children.

A full schedule of upcoming distributions; information on volunteer opportunities; and a comprehensive list and map of what schools and community organizations are doing to feed children while schools are closed are available on the Food Bank's website at pittsburghfoodbank.org/covid19.

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