



Food Security During COVID-19

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Our mission is to eliminate hunger and its root causes.

We pursue this goal in two key ways:

- We foster **community connections** to help people access nutritious food today; and
- We build **community power** to dismantle systems and policies that drive hunger and poverty.



Briefing Topics

- Food Insecurity in Oregon has doubled
- How the Emergency Food System has changed
- Recommendations



Food Insecurity in Oregon Has Doubled

Pre-Pandemic: One in Nine Oregonians (438,000)

Now: One in Five (900,000+)

Sources: USDA, Oregon State University (Report on OLIS)

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Demand for Emergency Food has Skyrocketed

- **Serving twice as many households** as before COVID-19 (OFB branches)
- Food sourcing and service models have adapted quickly
- Our improved “Food Finder” app now available in 11 languages



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New Sources of Emergency Food are Helping

- \$8m from Oregon for emergency food (75% FEMA match) started in April.
 - For food purchasing statewide and in local communities
- Federal food commodities (TEFAP) from stimulus to start arriving by June



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Recommendations for Oregon to Emerge Stronger

- We applaud the \$30m for worker safety in the food supply chain
- Encourage SNAP applications
- Address UI Backlog
- Prioritize gaps for immigrant families, such as the Oregon Worker Relief Fund
- Extend eviction protections and rent assistance
- Protect our critical human services during this crisis



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Resources

Food Access During COVID-19: <https://oregonhunger.org/covid-19/>

Oregon Food Bank's Food Finder: <https://www.oregonfoodbank.org/find-help/find-food/>

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