

Food Assistance Resources

Special Edition: COVID-19 Response

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Food Pantries

If you need food to prevent hunger, York County has a network of food pantries that can help.

- Search for a food pantry by zip code on the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank's website – www.Centralpafoodbank.org– or call their helpline: **1-877-999-5964** Mon. – Fri. from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Se habla Español).
- Call 211 – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Food pantry volunteers are taking steps to lower the chance of spreading COVID-19. Here's how you can help:

- Send only one person to get the food.
- If going to a food pantry, be sure to make room in your trunk in case the site is a "no-touch, drive-thru" site.
- Wear a mask!

For a list of additional "emergency" food pantries, soup kitchens, and free community meals, visit <https://yorkfoodbank.org/>.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

(See back page for income guidelines.)

SNAP benefits (food stamps) help people eat healthy by stretching their food dollars at grocery stores and supermarkets. If you qualify, you'll get a debit card with a monthly amount of money to use for groceries.

To apply online, visit www.Compass.state.pa.us. To apply over the phone, call the Central PA Food Bank's toll-free Food Stamps Helpline at **1-877-999-5964**, Mon. – Fri. from 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Se habla Español). To contact the York County Assistance Office, call **1-800-991-0929**.

New! - SNAP Online Purchasing Program

Pennsylvania has joined a pilot program that allows families to use their SNAP benefits for online grocery purchases through select retailers. Only eligible food items normally covered by SNAP can be purchased online with SNAP benefits using an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card. Delivery fees, driver tips, and other charges and/or ineligible items may not be paid for with SNAP benefits online. You will need to use another method of payment to cover non-allowable items and fees, such as a credit or debit card. Pilot program retailers in York County include:

- Amazon (Amazon.com)
- Walmart stores: West Manchester Town Center (Walmart.com/store/2205-york-pa)
York Mall Shopping Center (Walmart.com/store/1529-york-pa)
Hanover Crossing Shopping Center (Walmart.com/store/1823-hanover-pa)

York County Food Bank Programs

254 W. Princess St., York, PA

www.Yorkfoodbank.org

717-846-6435

For everyone's safety the York County Food Bank is implementing some temporary changes due the recently declared pandemic. Please note that effective Tuesday, March 31:

- The pantry area will not be open for shopping until further notice.
- Your current vouchers will not expire and can be used in the future when the pantry re-opens.
- You may come to a food distribution site 1 time/week to for a prepacked box of food (shelf stable, fresh and frozen). Please bring your ID.

Days/hours to get a box of food:

Drive-Thru Emergency Food Distribution

East York Emergency Food Hub
1094 Haines Rd., York PA 17402

Tuesdays 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Walk-Up Emergency Food Distribution

York County Food Bank

Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Grab & Go Produce and Milk Distribution

East York Emergency Food Hub

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 9am - Noon

If possible, send only one member of the family. Please clear a space in the trunk for the food box.

👉 Days, times and locations are subject to change. Check the food bank website for updates.

Programs for Kids

Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC)

(See income guidelines below.)

This special program helps pregnant women and mothers with children under age 5 with food, health screenings, and nutrition information. Summer vouchers (Farmers' Market Nutrition Program) are also available to redeem at local farm markets. The Community Progress Council-WIC offices are temporarily closed to the public. All new applications and current client appointments are by phone, with electronic eWIC cards mailed to clients.

For more information, call **(717) 843-7942** or search online at **www.pawic.com**.

Meals for School Students

Contact your school or search the school district's website for information about school meals and any additional food assistance programs offered by the school and local community partners.

Programs for Seniors

Senior Box Program

Once per month, income-eligible seniors (60+) can get a free box of healthy food. For pick-up locations and to sign up, call the York County Food Bank at **717-846-6435 x 209**. In keeping with social distancing practices, many locations are offering "drive up" distribution and are allowing a "proxy" to pick up the box. (See income guidelines below)

Take-Out Meals

Take-out meals are available at York County senior centers for any resident 60 years of age or older. Call your local senior center for more details and to sign-up for a take-out meal. To find a senior center near you call, **717-771-9610** or visit the website: <https://yorkcountypa.gov/county-human-services/agency-on-aging/senior-centers.html>.

Home Delivered Meals

Home delivered meals are available to a York County resident in a non-institutional setting, 60 years of age or older with a disability which prohibits the individual from leaving his/her residence, living alone or with someone who also meets these criteria. Contact the York County Area Agency on Aging at **771-771-9610** for more information.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

This program provides low-income seniors (age 60 by 12/31/2020) with vouchers to buy locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey and herbs. For information about income guidelines and to request an application, call **717-771-9610** or search <https://yorkcountypa.gov/county-human-services/agency-on-aging.html> (see links on right of page)



To qualify for the programs in the chart below, gross monthly income must be <i>equal to or less than the amounts shown per household size</i> . (Note: Income guidelines change on a yearly basis. Current amounts as of March 2019).	Household Size	Household Size	Household Size	Household Size	Additional Member
	1	2	3	4	+1
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamps	\$1,666	\$2,256	\$2,845	\$3,434	+\$590 each
SNAP for 60+ or Disabled	\$2,082	\$2,820	\$3,556	\$4,292	+\$738 each
Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC)	\$1,968	\$2,658	\$3,349	\$4,040	+\$691 each
Senior Box Program	\$1,354	\$1,832	\$2,311	\$2,790	+\$479 each

➤ If you have general questions about COVID-19 prevention, risk, screening and instructions on when to seek care, please visit www.wellspan.org/coronavirus and complete the "Coronavirus Assessment Tool."

➤ For updates on Unemployment or Workers' Compensation benefits and other COVID-19 resources, visit <https://www.uc.pa.gov/Pages/covid19.aspx>.

➤ If you're worried about eviction, visit <https://www.yorkcpc.org/take-action/> for help.