

# A Primer on Pandemic Food Resources

## West Los Angeles/Santa Monica



Tens of thousands of households are experiencing food insecurity for the first time. Here is a primer on how to access food resources in the days ahead.

### Food Banks and Food Pantries

Visit the Westside Food Bank website for a listing of pantries and food banks situated in the greater Westside of Los Angeles. ([wsfb.org](http://wsfb.org)) When searching for a food bank or pantry consider geographic location (perhaps one closest to you) and whether you want a drive through or pick up. Also note that during the pandemic most food banks and pantries have lessened or eliminated requirements or criteria to participate.



### Free Meals During School Closures

Meals are available for children (18 and under) enrolled in Los Angeles Unified School District while school is out. Find your closest COVID-19 Grab & Go Food Center at the [LAUSD COVID-19 Resources page](#), <https://achieve.lausd.net/resources> [LAUSD Grab & Go Food Centers List](#) [tinyurl.com/2un6bfvf](http://tinyurl.com/2un6bfvf) or [LAUSD Food Services page](#). [tinyurl.com/pqsdlivf](http://tinyurl.com/pqsdlivf)

### CalFresh (and Pandemic EBT)

You may qualify for CalFresh, California's food stamps (SNAP) program. Apply to get up to \$192 a month per household member on an EBT card at [getcalfresh.org](http://getcalfresh.org) or call the Los Angeles County Health and Nutrition Hotline at (877) 597-4777.

### Download the People's Guide 2020

You may qualify for community services listed in the People's Guide to Health, Welfare and Other Services for LA County. Available to download [in English](#) or [en Espanol](#) [tinyurl.com/ywem4gat](http://tinyurl.com/ywem4gat)



## NourishLA Food Distributions

### Saint Mark Church

Saturdays 11am-1pm  
940 Coeur D' Alene Ave,  
Venice, CA 90291

Enter on Garfield west of  
Lincoln

Drive through and walk-up  
pantry

### Wood Cafe

Sundays 1:30pm-3:00pm  
12000 W Washington Blvd.  
Culver City, CA 90066

Drive through and walk-up  
pantry

Food Donations accepted  
Sundays from 11am - 1pm

For info <https://nourish.la>

## City of Santa Monica Free Food Resources



Click here for  
several additional  
[free food resources  
available for  
people residing in  
or near Santa  
Monica](#)

[tinyurl.com/lu6jo3uo](https://tinyurl.com/lu6jo3uo)



## Backpacks for Kids Food Program

The Backpacks for Kids Program, sponsored by the Culver City Unified School District Council PTA (CCCPTA) provides nutritious, child-friendly, easy-to-prepare food each week so children don't have to deal with food insecurity on the weekends. [cbackpacksforkids.com](http://cbackpacksforkids.com)

## End Note

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