

Press Release

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Feeding the Gulf Coast Opens Sites to Feed Kids During School Closures

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Feeding the Gulf Coast is diligently working to provide food for those who are currently and will be impacted by COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The food bank is partnering with local community organizations to offer free meals to children, 18 and under, who are no longer receiving free or reduced lunch due to school closures. The program is supported by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Distribution sites will begin serving on Monday, March 23 (Site list below).

Sites may be working at capacity and will need extra hands to help distribute meals to kids. The food bank is looking for volunteers to lend a hand during specific dates and times. Healthy volunteers and donations are essential now more than ever, for the food bank to serve the vast need in the communities the organization serves. Individuals looking to donate or volunteer can do so by visiting www.feedingthegulfcoast.org.

As families are faced with an increased need for food due to school closures, inability to work, or facing self-quarantine requirements, the "Find Help" feature available at www.feedingthegulfcoast.org, is the best source of information for families and individuals seeking assistance. Individuals can also call (888) 704-FOOD. For needs specific to child nutrition, text "FOOD" to 877-877.

During this time of uncertainty and crisis, Feeding the Gulf Coast remains dedicated to serving the community. Working with community partners, the food bank will continue to be an organization of hope and support for families facing hunger. For more information regarding the work Feeding the Gulf Coast is doing to fight hunger during this time of increased need visit <https://www.feedingthegulfcoast.org/learn-more/covid-19-response>.

***For distribution site days/times please visit <https://www.feedingthegulfcoast.org/find-help/find-a-pantry>.**

E Comfort, Inc.
2300 N. Pace Blvd
Pensacola, FL 32505

Cobb Resource Center
601 E. Mallory St.
Pensacola, FL 32501

Fricker Resource Center
900 North F Street
Pensacola, FL 32501

Woodland Heights
111 Berkley Drive
Pensacola, FL 32503

Gull Point Resource Center
7000 Spanish Trail
Pensacola, FL 32504

Carver Park Community Center
208 Webb St
Cantonment, FL 32533

Bethel AME Church
511 Woodland Drive
Pensacola, FL 32503

Brownsville Community Center
3200 W DeSoto St
Pensacola, FL 32505

Bellview Assembly of God
2920 W. Michigan Ave
Pensacola FL 32526

Molino Branch Library
6450-A Highway 95A
Molino, FL 32577

West Florida Libraries- Downtown
239 N. Spring St
Pensacola, FL 32502

Morris Court
1401 W. Lloyd Street
Pensacola, FL 32501

Shooting Starz Unlimited
312 E. Nine Mile Road unit 14
Pensacola FL 32514

Dixon School of Arts and Science
1201 H St.

Pensacola, FL

Tryon Beach Library
1200 Langley Ave
Pensacola, FL 32504

Genealogy Branch Library
5740 N. 9th Ave
Pensacola, FL 32504

Southwest Branch Library
12248 Gulf Beach Highway
Pensacola, FL 32507

Westside Branch Library
1301 W. Gregory St.
Pensacola, FL 32502

Crown Church
9600 N. Palafox
Pensacola, FL 32534

Lillian Square Apartments
7200 Lillian Hwy
Pensacola, FL 32506

Magnolia Crossing Apartments
4312 Magnolia Crossing Circle
Pace, FL 32571

My Father's Arrows, Inc.
4025 Hwy 178
Jay, FL 32565
2014 gate code

Century Branch Library
7991 N. Century Blvd.
Century, FL 32535

Esto Town Hall
3312 2nd Ave
Bonifay, FL 32425

Town of Ponce de Leon
Co Rd 10
Ponce De Leon, FL 32455

Caryville Baptist
4217 Old Bonifay Rd
Bonifay, FL 32425

Washington County Libraries
1444 Jackson Ave.
Chipley, FL 32428

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About Feeding the Gulf Coast:

Feeding the Gulf Coast, formerly Bay Area Food Bank, serves a 24-county area spanning the Florida panhandle, south Alabama, and south Mississippi. In 2018, the food bank distributed over 22 million meals to over 400 church pantries, soup kitchens and other nonprofit organizations throughout its service area. The food bank also operates multiple hunger-relief and nutrition programs, including Summer Meals, Afterschool Meal, Backpack, Disaster Relief, Mobile Pantry and Produce Drop Distributions, and Nutrition Education. Feeding the Gulf Coast is a United Way member agency and a member of Feeding America. For more information, visit www.feedingthegulfcoast.org.

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