



News Release

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Food Bank Holds Drive-Thru Food Distributions To Address Increased Demand Due to Covid-19

Sikeston, MO (May 14, 2020) — Southeast Missouri Food Bank has scheduled three more Covid-19 Response Mobile food distributions to respond to the increased need for food assistance following temporary layoffs and school closures due to the outbreak of Covid-19.

The next Covid-19 Response Mobiles will be:

- Tuesday, May 19, 9:30 a.m., Morley Baptist Church, 221 South Stephenson, Morley
- Thursday, May 21, 3:30 p.m. Cap America, Old Walmart Building, 500 East Highway 72, Fredericktown

Other mobile food pantry distributions held with partners include:

- Monday, May 18, 4 p.m., First Church of God Family Life Center, 322 North Washington, East Prairie
- Tuesday, May 19, 10 a.m., Patterson Baptist Church, Old Highway 34, Patterson.
Partner: Trinity United Methodist Church, Piedmont
- Wednesday, May 20, 5 p.m., Agape Worship Center, 2536 North State Highway K.
Partner: Ameren
- Thursday, May 21, 5 p.m., Reaching All In Need, 104 East Main, Portageville
- Saturday, May 23, 9 a.m., Lighthouse Church, 18555 Lighthouse Drive, Dexter.
Partner: Tyson
- Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m. Good Shepherd Lutheran Chapel, 1904 West Cape Rock, Cape Girardeau

These mobiles are intended for families who are newly in need because of job losses or reduced hours due to COVID-19. They will be drive-through distributions so people should stay in their vehicle but have a space cleared for a box of food.

People who need food assistance should attend only the mobile held in the county where they live and should bring a photo ID and piece of mail that shows proof of residence. Patrons should visit only one mobile per month and receive only one box per household.

Additional information on receiving food assistance is available at semofoodbank.org, click on Get Help. The food bank also can help with applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/formerly food stamps) for those who are recently unemployed. For SNAP application assistance, call Lindsey Kern at 573-475-7573.

People wishing to help provide food for those who need it may donate online at semofoodbank.org, click on Donate or mail donations to P.O. Box 190, Sikeston, MO 63801. Flag donations for Covid-19 Disaster Fund.

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About Southeast Missouri Food Bank

Southeast Missouri Food Bank provides food to 140 charitable and disaster relief programs in Southeast Missouri. Member agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, domestic violence and homeless shelters, senior citizen programs, children's programs, and non-profit rehabilitation facilities. The food bank's 16-county coverage area includes Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, and Wayne counties. The mission of Southeast Missouri Food Bank is to end hunger and leverage the power of food to build a healthy community. The Food Bank is affiliated with Feeding America, the nation's largest food bank network, and has received the highest possible rating from Charity Navigator, attesting to its adherence to best practices. Those interested in helping can do so by making a tax-deductible contribution, donating food, or scheduling a time to volunteer. More information about SEMO Food Bank and its programs is available at semofoodbank.org.