Houston Food Bank and its partners provide essential services and we will continue to do so. The need for food assistance has increased drastically as the COVID-19 situation has continued. We will remain operational, while utilizing the best available safety precautions. We are adjusting daily to meet the needs of the community and adapting our logistics and operations to help people in the safest and most effective way possible.

The Need:

2,750,000 people in our 18-county service area may be struggling with food insecurity¹

293,138 people in our service area applied for unemployment benefits in the last week of March²

2-3x number of families visiting partner sites compared to before the COVID-19 crisis

The Response:³

35,970,457 pounds of food and product distributed in the first 8 weeks of response, equivalent to filling 900 tractor/trailers

1,894,945 pounds distributed in a single day on April 30, 2020 - 4x previous average daily distribution amount

1/3 of days in April had a total distribution of more than 900,000 pounds

6,300 home deliveries of food made safely and with no contact thanks to our partner CrowdSource Rescue

112,000 households served each week on average

5,500,000 pounds of produce donated by farmers in April, reducing food waste

47,275 food sacks distributed to kids through Backpack Buddy

412,255 ready to eat meals produced by our Keegan Kitchen

¹ Boston Consulting Group and Apex Analytics in conjunction with data from United Way
² Texas Workforce Commission
³ Data collected for the first 8 weeks of our response from March 9, 2020 to May 3, 2020