The need for food assistance has increased drastically as the COVID-19 situation has continued and Houston Food Bank’s response in the month of August demonstrates that. 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 ways possible.

**The Need:**

- **2,750,000 people** in our 18-county service area may be struggling with food insecurity
- **389,063 people** in our service area applied for unemployment benefits in the month of July
- **106% increase in number of households served on average each week in August 2020 vs. August 2019**

**The Response in August:**

- **23,795,357 pounds of food** and product distributed in August 2020
- **134,328 households** served each week on average
- **1,304,817 pounds** distributed in a single day - 2.9x previous average daily distribution of 450,000 pounds
- **32% of days in August** had a total distribution of more than 900,000 pounds
- **2,516,976 home deliveries** made safely and with no contact with help of volunteers, staff, and partners including CrowdSource Rescue and Amazon
- **12,063,650 pounds of produce** distributed to the community through our partner sites, deliveries, and programs
- **515,462 ready to eat meals** produced by our Keegan Kitchen for kids
- **24,005 food sacks** distributed to kids through Backpack Buddy

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1. Boston Consulting Group and Opex Analytics in conjunction with data from United Way
2. Texas Workforce Commission