houstonfoodbank COVID-19 Response

The need for food assistance has increased drastically as the COVID-19 situation has continued and Houston Food Bank's response in the last few months 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:



3,218,308 people in our service area applied for unemployment benefits in April - November 1



93% increase in households

served on average each week March - December '20 vs.

March - December '19

The Response March - December 2020:



234,104,809 pounds of food

and product distributed to our partners



134,000 households

served each week approximately on average



936,419 pounds²

distributed on average for each distribution day



98,905,164 pounds of produce

distributed to the community



1,281,439 meals delivered to homes

made safely and with no contact with help of volunteers, staff, and partners including CrowdSource Rescue, TaskRabbit, and Amazon



3,871,349 ready to eat meals

distributed to kids in Kids Cafe



295,476 food sacks

distributed to kids through Backpack Buddy



39,251 individuals volunteered

their time to help Houston Food Bank sort, pack, and distribute food and product

- ¹ Texas Workforce Commission
- ² Previous average daily output was 450,000 pounds