

houston**food**bank **COVID-19 Update: February 2021**

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 February 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:

 **208,749 people** in our service area applied for unemployment benefits in January 2021¹


 **51%** increase in number of **households** served on average each week in February '21 vs. February '20

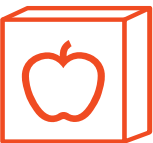
The Response in February:

 **19,839,109 pounds of food** and product distributed in February '21

 **123,994 households** served each week approximately on average

 **3,351 individuals** volunteered their time to help Houston Food Bank sort, pack, and distribute food and product

 **944,719 pounds** distributed on average for each distribution day in February

 **123,228 meals delivered** to homes safely and with no contact with help of volunteers, staff, and partners such as CrowdSource Rescue and TaskRabbit

 **6,453,100 pounds of produce** distributed to the community through our partner sites, deliveries, and programs

 **29,582 ready to eat meals** distributed to kids in the Kids Cafe program

 **30,746 food sacks** distributed to kids through Backpack Buddy

¹ Texas Workforce Commission