

Dear Volunteers,

The Food Bank is facing an unprecedented need for food in the communities we serve, with some of our partners reporting a 20-50% increase in the need for emergency food.

As you know, volunteers have always been key to ensuring we can distribute more than 1 million pounds of food to our friends and neighbors each week.

Our volunteer groups have now shifted to ten people or less per activity station (down from 60-80+ people per session).

We are continuing to implement more safety processes and are going above and beyond when it comes to cleaning all areas of the Food Bank.

- Activity stations are limited to 10 people or less and volunteers are spread out at those stations
- All visitors and volunteers must wash their hands when entering the Food Bank
- All volunteers must wear gloves
- We've removed focal points like iPad sign in and name tag station
- We've hired additional housekeeping staff
- All surfaces are wiped down and sanitized before and after each volunteer session with wipes that contain at least 60% alcohol

The Food Bank is considered an essential service and volunteers are exempt from shelter in place rules. If you are healthy and completely symptom free and between the ages of 18-60, we would be so grateful if you scheduled a volunteer session.

There is personal protection equipment available at the Food Bank, however if you have these on hand and can bring them, it would allow the Food Bank to conserve those resources.

Even in smaller numbers, you can still make a big difference to someone in need right now. As of April 3, volunteers have provided more than 69,000 meals by packing disaster boxes and other essential work.

Thank you for everything you do to support the Food Bank!

Sincerely,

Your Volunteer Engagement Team
Food Bank of Eastern and Central North Carolina