

DSS Community Food Programs

Updated Information for the Week Beginning 3-20-20

CAFB has amended its TEFAP distribution rules. New rules allow for pantry staff to sign off “on behalf” of its customers. Customers may now access TEFAP 2 times per month and distribution sites are encouraged to give generous portions of TEFAP commodities, thus reducing the need for customers to travel outside their household.

CAFB has suspended all of its Mobile Markets. Our Mission Nutrition program is a mobile market so it is also suspended, although we did distribute to 120 families in Riverdale on 3-16-20.

CAFB has a website for COVID-19 updates: <https://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/covid19response/>. They state that to account for site closures and social distancing needed, they will begin to modify and consolidate services and intend to stay open unless directed otherwise. They’ve identified several partners to serve as **Community Hubs** to help distribute food and they will continue with **Pop-Up Pantries** in areas where there are no partners still open to assist. However, in looking at their website, there are only 2 Community Hubs identified in the County, and they are:

St. Stephen Baptist Church 5757 Temple Hills Rd Camp Springs, MD 20748
Tuesdays 11:00 am to 3:00 pm; in partnership with Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker
Fountain Community Enrichment 15853 Commerce Ct. Upper Marlboro , MD 20774
Mon. Wed. & Fridays 11:00 am to 2:00 pm; Tues & Thurs by appointment.

For Pop-Up Pantries in the County, 2 locations were identified but now upcoming scheduled dates were posted. The 2 locations include:

Giant Greenbelt – Parking Lot 6000 Greenbelt Rd. Greenbelt MD 20770; and
Giant Kettering – Parking Lot 10480 Campus Way South Kettering, MD 20774

Updates from other individual pantries include:

- **Community Support Systems: Open Friday 3-20-20, Accokeek Food Pantry, Faith United Methodist Church, Accokeek 1);30 am to 12 noon**
- **Shabach: Closed until 3-31-20**
- **Oxon Hill Food Pantry: Closed until 3-31-20**
- **SEED, Riverdale: Open for Wednesday distributions from noon till 3:00 pm**
- **Ft. Foote Baptist Church: Closed until mid April**
- **Corinth Baptist Church: Closed for Saturday 3-21-20, and will reassess future Saturdays**
- **DSS at Southview: Closed. I need to restock their pantry when they are ready to reopen**
- **Bridge Center: Closed to the public, but their pantry is fully stocked**
- **Gethsemane United Methodist Church: Closed**
- **Christian Life Church: Open 3-20-20 1:00 to 3:00 pm 5600 Taylor Rd., Riverdale**

The Prince George’s County Food Equity Council is maintaining a web site with available food resources throughout the County. For valuable information, go to:

<http://pgcfec.org/multimedia/latest-news/item/66-food-assistance-resources-for-residents-impacted-by-covid19.html>. They will be having a virtual meeting 3-24-20 which I will join.