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Agenda

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Working Group Updates

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➢ Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs
➢ Sustainable Supply Chain

ICYMI: 10/2 Recording available at dcfoodpolicy.org
Food Security in the District: Responding to the COVID-19
Public Health Emergency

DC Food Policy Council Meeting
October 2, 2020
Report Goals

Coronavirus Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, signed by Mayor Bowser on May 27:

“By July 15, 2020, the Food Policy Director … shall make publicly available a study that evaluates and makes recommendations regarding food access needs during and following the COVID-19 public health emergency, including:

(1) An analysis of current and projected food insecurity rates, based on data compiled across District agencies; and

(2) A plan for how to address food needs during and following the public health emergency.”

*“Food insecurity” is defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life.*
Data
Key Findings
National Data

Nationally, food insecurity rates have **doubled** since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Pre-COVID: 11.1%
- June 2020: 21.9%
- Forecasted 2020: 16.7%
Key Findings
District Data

In the District, food insecurity rates have nearly doubled.
- Pre-COVID: 10.6%
- June 2020: 21.1%
- Forecasted 2020: 16.0% (113,000 residents)
- Forecasted 2020 children: 28.6% (37,000 children)
Pre-COVID Food Insecurity

2020 Predicted Food Insecurity

Source: CAFB 2020 Hunger Report
Demand for Emergency Food Programs

Total Grocery Bags Distributed
(4/12-6/8)

- Ward 8: 26%
- Ward 7: 32%
- Ward 6: 6%
- Ward 5: 4%
- Ward 4: 11%
- Ward 1: 21%

Total School Meals Served
(3/16-6/11)

- Ward 8: 30%
- Ward 7: 12%
- Ward 6: 16%
- Ward 5: 10%
- Ward 4: 11%
- Ward 3: 1%
- Ward 2: 3%
Disproportionate Impact by Population

Certain District residents are disproportionately impacted:

- Black households
- Seniors
- Families with children
- Immigrants
- Food/hospitality sector workers
Response
# The District’s Emergency Response

## Overview: Emergency Food Distributed by the District

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<th>Service</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
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<td>Grab-and-Go School Meals at DCPS Schools</td>
<td>625,000</td>
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<td>Grocery Bags at DCPS Schools</td>
<td>24,645</td>
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<td>Senior Meals Delivered</td>
<td>451,586</td>
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<td>Get Help Hotline Grocery Deliveries</td>
<td>2,997</td>
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<td>Meals for Unsheltered Individuals</td>
<td>32,679</td>
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Note: Data on emergency food distributed comes from District agencies and reflects data captured from the March to early June. Sources: DCPS; DACL; EOC; DHS. June-July 2020.
Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs

- **Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)**: The District has distributed P-EBT to 46,029 children, about 67% of the children eligible.

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**: 78,767 residents enrolled, up from 64,966 pre-COVID.

- **Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)**: 15,160 residents enrolled, up from 14,898 pre-COVID.

- **Farmers Markets Programs**: WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (~17,500 residents) & the DC Health-funded Produce Plus Program (4,000 residents)

*Note: All data based on June/July 2020 reporting.*
## Snapshot of Non-Profit Organization Emergency Food Operations in the District

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<th>Name of Organization</th>
<th>Estimated Number of Meals Distributed</th>
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<td>Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food &amp; Agriculture</td>
<td>4,800</td>
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<td>Capital Area Food Bank**</td>
<td>3,554,238</td>
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<td>DC Central Kitchen**</td>
<td>1,035,259</td>
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<td>DC Food Project</td>
<td>320,000</td>
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<td>DC Greens</td>
<td>3,120</td>
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<td>Dreaming Out Loud</td>
<td>190,000</td>
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<td>Food &amp; Friends</td>
<td>204,728</td>
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<td>Food Rescue US-DC</td>
<td>12,124</td>
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<td>FreshFarm</td>
<td>18,470</td>
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<td>Martha's Table**</td>
<td>417,500</td>
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<td>Oasis Community Partners**</td>
<td>363,000</td>
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<td>United Planning Organization</td>
<td>7,336</td>
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<td>World Central Kitchen</td>
<td>1,017,297</td>
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<td>YMCA of Metropolitan Washington</td>
<td>7,576</td>
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Source: Organizations, July 2020. *Many organizations distributed grocery bags, so these figures are estimates of meals produced with those grocery bags. **The figures for these organizations include meals and groceries prepared through a District government contract.
Recommendations
Selected Recommendations for Continued Emergency Response

- Maximize federal nutrition funding by ensuring every District resident benefits from programs for which they qualify.

- Expand public/private partnerships to increase funding for food assistance over the next year, with a focus on local Black- and Latinx-led organizations.

- Expand transportation options for grocery shopping and delivery, such as the Department of For Hire Vehicles’ Taxi-to-Rail FY 2020 pilot, which provided free taxi rides for residents in Wards 7 and 8 to grocery stores.
Selected Recommendations for Food System Change & Planning

• Increase healthy food options in Wards 7 and 8, with a focus on supporting local Black-owned food businesses.

• Ensure that all District government food procurement contracts promote health equity, environmental sustainability, and the local food economy.

• Implement Mayor Bowser’s Strategy to Strengthen the DC Food Workforce to support job growth and career pathways in the food sector.
Executive Summary and Full Report available at: dcfoodpolicy.org/foodsecurity2020
Mayor Bowser Invests $3 Million to Improve Food Access in Underserved Neighborhoods

“With these strategic investments in neighborhoods that too often get overlooked by investors, we can increase access to high-quality, healthy food options for our families and neighborhoods.”

-Mayor Bowser

Read More:
https://dmped.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-invests-3-million-improve-food-access-underserved-neighborhoods
Small Business Resiliency Fund

About: $3.0 Million grant fund for small and local businesses aimed at supporting COVID-19 related-expenses to help businesses continue operations while protecting people, assets and presence.

Eligibility: Brick-and-mortar small businesses and independently owned restaurants

Award: $10,000.00

Timeline: Applications now open!
The deadline to apply is October 15, 2020 by 11:59 p.m.

Website: coronavirus.dc.gov/page/small-business-resiliency-fund
Email: dcresiliencyfund@cfenterprises.org
Federal Policy Updates

- H.R. 8337: Continuing resolution signed by President Trump
- HEROES Act (pending)
STREATERY WINTER READY

Application period begins
September 21, 2020

GRANT PROGRAM

The Mayor’s Office of Nightlife & Culture will provide grant recipients $6,000 to assist with winterizing their outdoor dining spaces. The utilization of funds can include, but will not be limited to tents, heaters, propane, lighting, furniture, etc.

Eligible food retailers & non-food retailers must have at least one of the following:

• An active Sidewalk Cafe Permit
• A Temporary Sidewalk Cafe Permit (also known as a Streatery)
• An ABRA Summer Garden or Sidewalk Cafe Endorsement

Apply at coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery-business

Please submit questions to nightlife@dc.gov

Apply now! https://coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery-business
Announcements

- **Friday, November 6**: Session 7 of Race, Racial Equity, and the DC Food System Discussion Series
- **Wednesday, December 2**: Next full FPC meeting
- **Add other announcements to chat and/or unmute yourself.**