

How to Secure Food During the Pandemic

NYC has created an emergency food assistance program to help residents with groceries and cooked meals. For urgent food needs, call the Emergency Food Hotline at 866-888-8777, or call 311. You will be provided with the hours of operation and directions to the nearest food pantry and community kitchens.

Applying for SNAP:

If you need financial help buying food, go to ACCESS NYC to determine if you are eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as Food Stamps). During the Coronavirus Pandemic, SNAP applicants should apply online and set up an ACCESS HRA account at www.access.nyc.gov. To receive an application in the mail, call 718-557-1391.

In Manhattan, the only SNAP center currently open is:

Waverly S19, 12 W 14th St., 4th floor.

For further information, call 212-352-2524.

Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 5PM.

- Serves clients whose needs cannot be met through access.nyc.gov.
- During limited hours the center provides supervised children's corner.

Food pantry:

Although most food pantries in the CB8 area are currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, a pantry closest to the CB8 district that remains open is:

New York Common Pantry

8 East 109th Street

Tel.: 917-720-9710, or www. nycommonpantry.org

Hours:

Monday to Saturday 9AM to 6PM

Sunday and holidays 2PM to 6PM

Proof of need is required as food is provided for all household members

Grab and Go Meals:

Life Sciences Secondary School

320 East 96 Street.

No one will be turned away, and no registration or ID is necessary.

Food can be picked up Monday through Friday at the following times:

Children - 7:30AM to 11:30 AM

Families - 7:30AM to 11:30 AM

Adults - 11:30 AM to 1:30 AM

The Stanley Isaacs Center

Take-away meals in the center's courtyard at:

Stanley Isaacs Center

East 93rd Street and First Avenue

Hours: 11:30AM to 1PM

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

East 73rd Street, between Park and Lexington Avenues

Bagged meals distributed Thursdays from 6-6:45 pm

Unitarian Church of All Souls

Southeast corner of Lexington Avenue and 80th St.

Take-out lunch, Fridays at 12 noon

Bagged hot meals Mondays, 5:15-7:30 pm

Church of the Holy Trinity

316 East 88th Street

Community meal Saturdays at 5:15 pm

All Saints Episcopal Church

230 East 60th Street

Saturdays 5-6 pm

Deliveries:

Upper Manhattan Mutual Aid is providing deliveries of food, face masks, medication and cleaning products to those in need who live between midtown and northern Manhattan. To access this service, call 646-849-2962, or visit their website: <http://www.uppermanhattanmutualaid.org>.

The Carter Burden Luncheon Club delivers meals to seniors.

Call: 212-535-5235.

Citymeals on Wheels: Seniors and the disabled who are unable to leave their residence or prepare their own meals should contact CityMeals on Wheels. To determine your eligibility,

Call 212-687-1234, or email: info@citymeals.org

Food Donations:

To make food donations, contact the Food Bank of NYC at: www.foodbanknyc.org/COVID19.