

## Notes from Wisconsin Pantry Phone Call

Hosted by Feeding Wisconsin

July 9, 2021

### COVID1-19 Update

- Wisconsin food pantries continue to do a phenomenal job of serving households under challenging conditions. Your commitment is extraordinary.
- Both the federal and state governments continue operations under a declared public health emergency. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services expects this to continue through at least the end of the calendar year.
- About 48% of Wisconsinites have been fully vaccinated. About 10.5% of the population has contracted some COVID variant since the pandemic began; 613,484 confirmed cases and an additional 64,795 probable cases. COVID has taken the lives of 7,335 of our citizens and another 823 have died with COVID as the probable cause.
- New reported cases (per 100,000 people) are particularly high in Rusk, Dunn, Florence, and Iron Counties as of today. For more data, visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>
- Food pantries are advised to continue “no contact” food distribution with masks, handwashing and cleaning; and social distancing through at least September 30, 2021.
- Pantries may wish to review the notes from the June 11, 2021 panel discussion as five Wisconsin food pantry experts discuss what they’ve learned from the pandemic and what they will consider when they transition to a future that allows folks to return to indoor service in the fall.
- TEFAP is offering another Zoom learning opportunity for folks who need civil rights training. Monday, July 26, 2021 at 1PM, Feed My People will host this one-hour session that will satisfy the annual civil rights training requirements for TEFAP. (See last page for details.)

### Food and Resources Update

- TEFAP food volumes remain robust through October; not including fresh deliveries, there are 17 semis going to Eau Claire and Madison that month. In the following months of November through February, the supply reduces to about 13.5 trucks per warehouse per month. The substantial variety of foods continues.
- The 15% increase in FoodShare for households receiving the maximum benefit is scheduled to end on September 30, 2021. The Feeding America network is actively lobbying Congress to continue these additional funds for the neediest of households.
- The household maximum awards to participants are expected to continue as long as the federal and state health emergencies continue, which is expected to be at least the end of the calendar year.
- Folks not enrolled in FoodShare who need help with FoodShare application can call 1- (877) 366-3635 or go online to [www.getaquestcard.org](http://www.getaquestcard.org)
- FoodShare participants needing help should reach out to their assigned Income Maintenance Consortium member agency for assistance. A list of those agencies and contacts are at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm>

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- FoodShare participant reports are no longer suspended. FoodShare participants must resume filing their Six Month Report Forms as soon as they receive notice by mail or email. Reinstatement of this requirement means that folks who do not file when asked will have their benefits suspended.
  
- Advanced Child Tax Credit
  - As a part of the American Rescue Plan Act, the expanded [Child Tax Credit](#) will help alleviate the economic burden placed on women and their families as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The first payment was July 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - These people are eligible for the full Child Tax Credit:
    - Married couples with income under \$150,000
    - Families with a single parent (also called Head of Household) with income under \$112,500
    - Everyone else with income under \$75,000
    - After these thresholds, for every \$1,000 of income over, the credit will be reduced by \$50.
  - How to receive:
    - If you filed taxes for 2019 or 2020 or received any of the economic stimulus checks and your family or financial information has not changed, you do not need to take further action to receive this benefit. You will automatically begin receiving monthly CTC payments starting July 15th.
    - If any of your information has changed since then (including bank account, mailing address, family status or income) you can update this information through the [IRS Update Portal](#).
    - **If you did not have to file taxes this year or last year and you did not register for economic stimulus checks, you must sign up through the [IRS Non-filer Sign-up Tool](#) to receive these benefits.**
  - CTC Outreach Resources Hub: [www.taxoutreach.org/coronavirus](http://www.taxoutreach.org/coronavirus) (all items listed below are available through this page)
  - Resources
    - [What's New about the Child Tax Credit in 2021?](#) (FAQs)
    - [Guide to Filling out the IRS Non-filer Form](#)
    - [Guide to Using the IRS Child Tax Credit Update Portal \(CTC UP\)](#)
    - [Getting Started with Outreach](#)
    - [CTC Navigator Training](#)

Our next pantry call will be Friday, August 13, 2021 at 10AM.

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Link to Civil Rights Training July 26, 2021 @ 1PM

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**Civil Rights Training for Wisconsin Food Pantries**

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