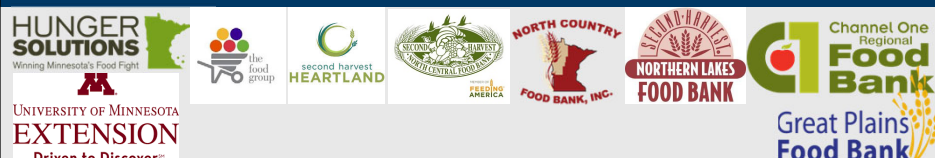




Weekly Statewide Food Security Work Group Food Bank and Food Shelf Partner Check In April 16, 2020



Agenda

- Housekeeping
- Welcome, Introductions, and Background
- Food Security Work Group Description
- Survey Process and results
- State Emergency Operations Center background
- Communications and Funding Updates
- Complete Survey
- Contact Information
- Wrap up and next steps
- Regional Discussions

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Housekeeping

- Zoom etiquette
- Mute
- Video feed off to maximize bandwidth
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Rename your log in display

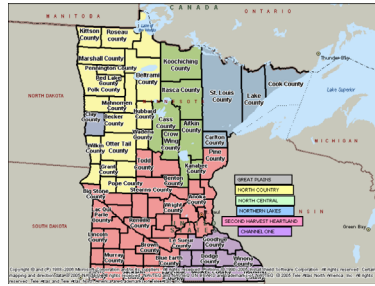
- Rename yourself so you can be placed in regional groups
 - Which food bank are you a member of?
 - “Group Number_Your Name” – “1_Amy Doyle”
 - Click on three dots in corner of frame, select “rename”



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Group 2	North Country (including Clay County)
Group 3	North Central
Group 4	Northern Lakes
Group 5	Channel One

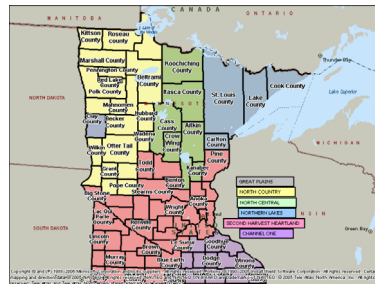
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Group 1 – Metro – The Food Group and Second Harvest Heartland



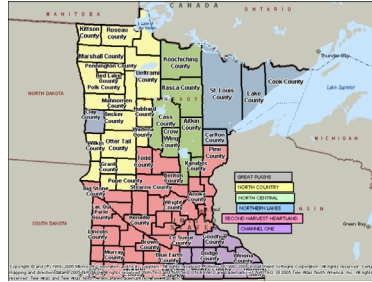
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Blue Earth	Lyon	Scott
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Chippewa	Meeker	Stearns
Chisago	Morrison	Swift
Cottonwood	Murray	Todd
Dakota	Nicollet	Washington
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Jackson	Pipestone	Yellow
Kadiyohi	Ramsey	Medicine

Group 2 - North Country (including Clay County)



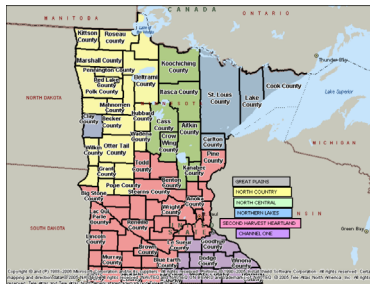
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Group 3 – North Central



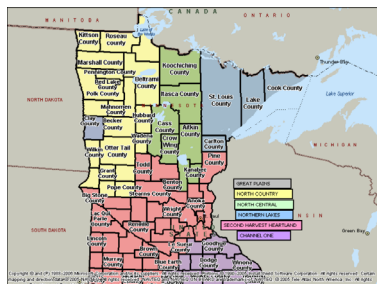
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Kanabec
Koochiching
Mille Lacs

Group 4 – Northern Lakes



Carlton
Cook
Lake
St. Louis

Group 5 – Channel One



**Dodge
Faribault
Fillmore
Freeborn
Goodhue
Houston
Mower**

**Olmstead
Rice
Steele
Wabasha
Waseca
Winona**

Welcome, Introductions, Background

- Welcome
- Meeting Participants
- Background

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Food Security Work Group

Mission

Ensure that all Minnesotans have access to stable food supplies during the duration of and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and that Minnesotans do not need to put themselves in harm's way to access that food

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Food Security Work Group Strategies

Strategies

1. Support food banks and food shelves so they can meet statewide household demand
2. Expand availability, access, and support for all Public Benefit Food Support programs
3. Provide access to meals for all children for duration of and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
4. Engage with Tribal Nations and ensure they experience food security
5. Serve as a source of needs coordination and resource distribution via the SEOC
6. Partner with nonprofit and corporate leaders to provide meals across MN
7. Ensure stability and continuity in the overall food supply chain

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Bolster stability and reach of food bank and food shelf network

- Ensure food banks and food shelves have adequate funding and supply to meet needs across the state
- Create open communication and partnership between food banks, food shelves, and Tribal Nations
- Operationalize plans for transit providers of all kinds to distribute food from food shelves into community and from food banks to food shelves
- Support volunteer and staffing needs of food banks and food shelves

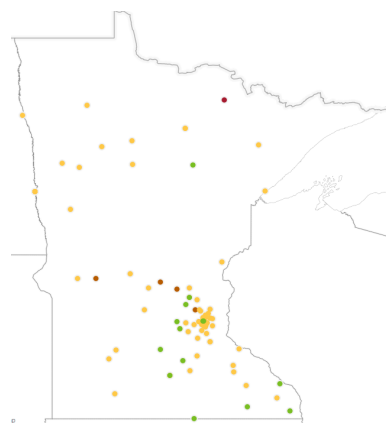
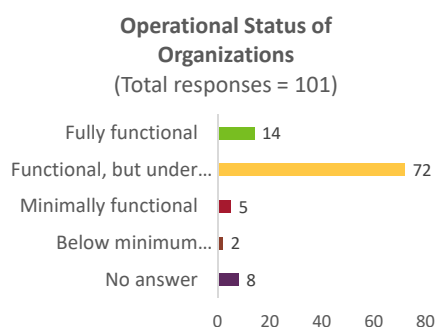
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Survey Process and results

- 103 responses
- General trends we are hearing:

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Food shelf operational status (as of 4/10)



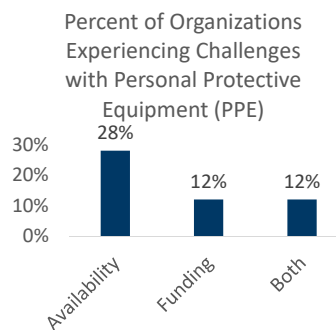
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Current challenges

Food and Availability Challenges, by Food Type

Dairy		Fresh Produce	
Availability	24%	Availability	22%
Funding	11%	Funding	6%
Both	12%	Both	11%
No Answer	53%	No Answer	61%

Meat		Shelf Stable Goods	
Availability	31%	Availability	30%
Funding	7%	Funding	7%
Both	16%	Both	12%
No Answer	47%	No Answer	51%

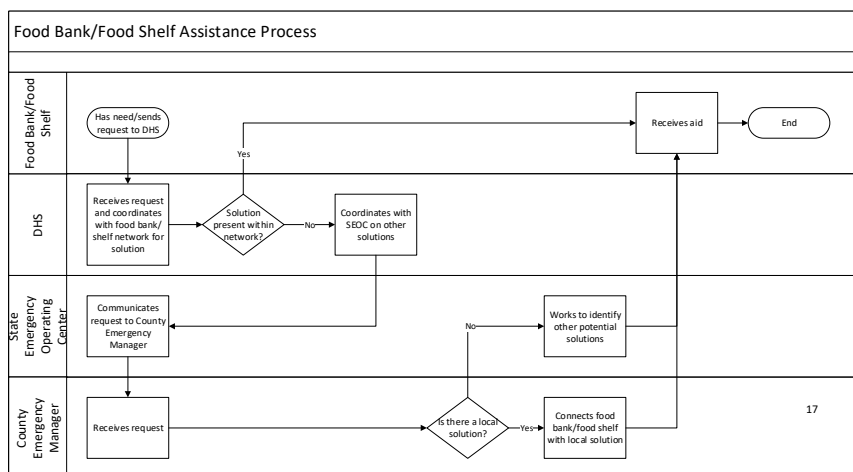


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State Emergency Operations Center background

Food Bank/Food Shelf Assistance Request Process



Communications and Funding Updates

- \$11 million to Minnesota from federal COVID-19 response
 - Cumulative total from Families First and CARES Act aid packages
- Funds designated to The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and allocated to regional food banks for food, storage, and distribution costs
- Awaiting final funding letter from USDA

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Federal TEFAP Updates

- 120% increase in TEFAP orders from 2020 to 2019
(due to federal COVID-19 response assistance)
 - 2020 (April 15-June 30) 650 shipments on order
 - 2019 (April 15-June 30) 300 shipments on order
- TEFAP products arriving July-December 2020 will more than double the number of orders from last year.
- Adapting new orders to reflect expanded priority on shelf stable items

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Federal TEFAP Updates

- Find product listings, available options, and estimated timelines on Hunger Solutions' TEFAP website (under "Resources," click on "Product Calendar"
<http://www.hungersolutions.org/programs/food-shelf-capacity/tefap/>

Material Desc.	Category	April	May	June	July	August	September	
Dairy								Bonus
BUTTER PRINT SALTED CTN-36/1LB	Dairy							Entitlement
CHEESE BLEND AMER SKM LVS-12/2 LB	Dairy							Trade Mitigation
CHEESE CHED YEL CHUNKS-PKG 12/1 LB	Dairy							Combinations
CHEESE CHED YEL SHRED-PKG 6/2 LB	Dairy							
EGGS 15 DOZEN	Dairy							
EGGS WHOLE FRZ CTN-12/2 LB	Dairy							
MILK 1% FRESH CTR-64 FL OZ	Dairy							
MILK INSTANT NDM PKG-24/12.8 OZ	Dairy							

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State Funding Update

Food Shelf Funds (up to \$2.5 million)

- Purchase food, diapers, toilet paper and other necessary supplies.
- 300+ food shelves currently receive MFSP funds and will be eligible for these additional COVID-19 MFSP funds. Hunger Solutions coordinating efforts to add new food shelves.
- Eligible food shelves will receive \$2000 each in base funding.
 - Remaining funds (roughly equivalent to one full year of MN Food Shelf Program State grant funds) will be allocated among eligible food shelves using MFSP formula, based on number of individuals served.
- Applications posted online AND sent via postal mail. Applications due back to Hunger Solutions by April 30.
 - For questions about food shelf eligibility, contact Joe Walker, jwalker@hungersolutions.org

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State Funding Update

Food Bank Funds (up to \$3.5 million)

- Support regional food banks to enable specialized responses to community food support needs.
- \$2.5 million will be allocated among Minnesota's seven regional food banks.
- \$1 million supplemental allocation is reserved for partnership based programming among food banks and Tribal Nations. DHS will consult with Tribal Nations to inform the direction of this work, which will be guided by and unique to the expressed needs of each Nation.

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State Funding Update

Transportation Support Funds (at least \$2.64 million)

- Support transportation efforts such as mobile food shelves, transportation networks, meal programs, and other support services that transport free food assistance to people in need
- Funding applications are open now.
- Rolling application process directed by DHS in partnership with Hunger Solutions Minnesota, will be posted on Hunger Solutions website.
 - Providers can request funds multiple times through the application.
 - Proposals will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, those that are approved for funding will be issued payment within two weeks.
- Eligible entities who may apply for funds include, but are not limited to: Tribal Governments, Nonprofit Agencies, or Local Units of Government.

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State Funding Update

Food Shelf Funding and Transportation Grants are open and can be found on the Hunger Solutions website.

<http://www.hungersolutions.org/covid-19-grants/>



The screenshot shows the Hunger Solutions Minnesota website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "PROGRAMS", "FIND HELP", "GET INVOLVED", and "HUNGER". Below the navigation bar is a banner image showing food items like oranges and apples. The banner text reads "COVID-19 GRANTS". Below the banner, there is a section titled "COVID-19 GRANTS" with a subheading "Minnesota Food Shelf Program (MFSP) COVID-19 Food Shelf Funding". The text below this subheading states: "In partnership with Minnesota Department of Human Services". At the bottom, there is a paragraph: "Hunger Solutions Minnesota is now accepting applications for the State Fiscal Year 2020-21 Minnesota Food Shelf Program (MFSP) COVID-19 State Grant. This grant is a one-time appropriation from the Minnesota Legislature administered by the Minnesota Department of Human Services' Office of Economic Opportunity (MN DHS OEO) and Hunger Solutions Minnesota."

DHS Communications resources

- Flier

<https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-3529A-ENG>

- DHS website centralizing resources on food support

<https://mn.gov/dhs/food-emergency/>

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Weekly Check In – Data gathering

- <https://z.umn.edu/foodsecuritysurvey>

Governor Walz's Food Security Work Group is rolling out this weekly survey of food banks and shelves. Weekly survey results will be shared directly with the Governor's Office to help inform needs and align resources in support of your work.

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Wrap up and next steps

- Meeting is being recorded
- SEOC follow-up on results from survey and break out session notes.

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Regional Breakout Sessions

- Agenda Framework:
 - Food Bank Updates
 - Challenges and Successes (peer sharing and learning among partners – tips, tricks, best practices, questions, emerging needs, etc.)
 - Weekly Theme: **Resource Needs for COVID-19**

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