

Access to Food in the Serving Area (Updated 3/26/2020)

Several local organizations, churches, and agencies are continuing their work to help provide support for families and community members with food insecurity. Some schools are offering meal pick up/grab & go/delivery and even backpack programs. Below is a list of additional resources being offered in Hamilton, Humboldt, Wright, & Franklin Counties (a few surrounding options for those that live in outlying communities). Please reach out to the entities *BEFORE* going to the event/date/time to make sure the schedule has not changed.

Please Note: The Food Bank of Iowa will still be offering their mobile food pantries. At each mobile pantry distribution, one of their trucks delivers a customized load of food (with produce, meat, bread and non-perishable items) to the mobile pantry site. Local volunteers set up a distribution system that looks much like a farmers' market, distributing food to families and individuals in need throughout the scheduled time. Due to the COVID-19 concerns, some may run with more of a "drive-thru" process.

Hamilton County

Trinity Lutheran Church (1229 Kathy Lane, Webster City) ---Open from 2-3pm on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. The church is closed to the public, so calling ahead is recommended for "curbside" pick-up. Office number is 515.832.2220.

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. (1610 Collins Street, Webster City) --- They will only be open on Fridays from 9-4pm (closed from 12:30-1pm). Individuals are asked to call the UMDO office ahead of time, at 515.832.6451.

All Cultures Equal (1440 E. Second Street, Webster City) ---They are currently running the pantry twice a month (latest drive-thru event took place from 11-1pm on March 26th), but they are looking at once a month. If in dire need of food, individuals can call the office at 515.832.4153 for staff to assist. To keep updated on pantry dates via their "All Cultures Equal" Facebook Page.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (1005 Beach Street, Webster City) --- (MOBILE PANTRY in Webster City) from 4-6:00pm on March 17, 2020 (keep track on website for mobile food pantry upcoming dates or call 515.832.3043).

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center (1000 Des Moines Street, Webster City) --- (MOBILE PANTRY in Webster City) from 4-5:30pm on April 21, 2020 (keep track on website for mobile food pantry upcoming dates or contact 515.564.0330).

Lord's Cupboard at Bethesda Lutheran Church (439 Main Street, Jewell) --- (REGULAR HOURS AND A MOBILE FOOD PANTRY in Jewell). This is a multiple-church collaborative. For more information, please contact 515.827.5148. *Regular Hours* are: 5-6:30pm every Monday AND from 1- 2pm on the first Monday of the month (April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, etc.). Some internal workings have changed in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. *Mobile Pantry Dates* are: March 26, 2020, May 28, 2020; July 23, 2020; September 24, 2020; November TBD; January 28, 2021 (from 4:30-6:30pm).

Stratford Food Pantry (1250 Highway 175 in Athens Woods, Stratford) ---The pantry is open on the 4th Saturday (3/28/2020 is the most recent event), from 9:30-11am. They will limit in-person visits, so packages may be boxed and distributed at the door. Carol Larson (515.838.2440) and Linda Nepereny (515.838.2173) are the two coordinators. Please let them know if you need a volunteer to deliver the items.

Hector's Cupboard (South Hamilton Community School District Food Pantry located at the MS/HS usually, but thru school lunch delivery temporarily) ---Beginning Tuesday, March 25th, South Hamilton will be providing free breakfast and lunch, as well as Food Pantry items from Hector's Cupboard during the school shutdown. All children under the age of 18 are eligible regardless of income. Meals may be picked up from 10:30-11:30am on *Tuesdays and Thursdays* at the following locations: South Hamilton Middle School/High School Parking Lot, Stanhope Community Center Parking Lot, Trinity Lutheran Church Parking Lot in Ellsworth, and Elim Church Parking Lot in Randall. Please contact Tara Northrop if you have questions about deliveries at 515.827.5418 or tara_northrop@s-hamilton.k12.ia.us.

Humboldt County:

Humboldt County Ministerial Food Pantry, managed by Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. (Humboldt County Courthouse, Dakota City)--- They will be open on Thursdays from 9-3pm. Food pick-up will be curbside only, and will be pre-bagged. Please stay in your cars, and UDMO staff and volunteers will assist you. Individuals are asked to call and make an appointment for pick-up at 515.332.3631.

Humboldt Mobile Pantry (Humboldt County Fairgrounds Event Center, 311 6th Ave. North, Humboldt)---This will take place from 4:30 – 6:00pm on March 11, 2020; May 13, 2020; July 8, 2020. Diane Connor is the contact at 515.890.0484.

Wright:

First Lutheran Clothing Closet & Food Pantry (420 1st St NW, Clarion). This will be open Thursdays 5-7pm and Saturdays 9-11am. Starting immediately, they will not be offering clothing until the virus dissipates. For food, individuals are asked to wait at the outside door until handed a pre-bagged bag of food. This is to limit the transfer of the virus. Diapers and toilet paper will continue to be passed out until they are out. Please only come once a month, so all shoppers have a chance to get food. Practice social distancing!

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. (221 West Broadway, Eagle Grove) --- They will move to one pantry a week, taking place on Fridays 8-4pm. Individuals are asked to call and set up an appointment for pick-up at 515.448.3704.

Eagle Grove Food Pantry (510 S. Jackson, Eagle Grove) is open Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 1-3:00pm. The food pantry will be open their regular hours during this situation, but will not allow non-volunteers inside. Volunteers will instruct individuals at the door on paperwork and getting supplies or donations. You don't have to call ahead, but it would be helpful if you would like things to go quicker. You may call 515-448-4332 with any questions.

Eagle Grove MOBILE FOOD PANTRY (Grace Evangelical Free Church, 1220 S Commercial Ave., Eagle Grove) ---This will take place from 4:30 – 6:00pm on April 7, 2020, July 7, 2020; October 6, 2020.

Belmond Trinity Lutheran Church (304 3rd Avenue, Belmond) ---This is the MOBILE PANTRY, and will take place from 2:30 – 4:30pm on March 24, 2020, April 28, 2020; May 26, 2020; June 23, 2020; July 28, 2020; August 25, 2020; September 22, 2020. For more information, contact (515) 564-0330.

Additional Food Pantries may be available in **Dows** and **Goldfield**. Please reach out to your local churches for more information.

Franklin County:

Franklin County Food Pantry (302 5th Ave NE, Hampton) is call-for-appointment-only right now at 641.456.2456. (Hours prior to the change were Tuesdays & Fridays 10 am-noon).

West Fork Food Pantry (Zion St. John's Lutheran, 422 Sherman St, Sheffield) ---This is the permanent food pantry using the services of the Food Bank of Iowa MOBILE FOOD PANTRY). Due to the virus you would need to call 641-892-4010 or email wfpantry@zionstjohn.org before you went.

West Fork Wishes Pantry (West Fork Community School District, Sheffield). Shelley Sheppard is the school nurse. She has been organizing things for West Fork (the bagged food drive, meal plans, etc. If you have specific questions regarding the Rockwell/Sheffield school area, her email would be shelley.sheppard@westforkschool.org. There is also a public Facebook Group with updated information.

Additional Pantry Options in surrounding communities for individuals/families:

Garner: God's Pantry (Garner United Methodist Church, 885 Maben Ave, Garner). For information on updated hours/dates, contact 641.430.4716.

Norsemen Food Pantry (Roland-Story Middle School, 206 S Main Street, Roland IA 50236) --- Call 515.388.4348 for hours and requirements.

For additional resources in Hamilton, Humboldt, Wright, & Webster Counties feel free to check out the **Community Resource Directory** at communitylinksforfamilies.org, or by contacting **Building Families** (120 1st Ave NW, Suite 14, Clarion) at buildingfamilies.net or 515.602.6371.

For additional resources in Franklin County, you can contact the **Franklin Family FOCUS Group**. You can contact 641.330.2741, or the **Community Resource Center/CICS** (123 - 1st Ave. SW, PO Box 58, Hampton) at 641.456.2128.