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### Food Bank announces distribution at Alameda Park in Butler County

**Butler, PA (April 9, 2020)** – Working in conjunction with Alliance for Nonprofit Resources, Inc., Butler County Parks and Recreation and the Butler County Sheriff's Office, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (the Food Bank) today announced an emergency drive-up food distribution set to take place at Alameda Park from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14**. The organizations plan to serve 575 vehicles through this three-hour event.

For everyone's safety, only those attending the event in a vehicle will be able to be served – no walk-ups will be permitted. The Butler County Sheriff's Office will be assisting the organizations with traffic control.

Those who need food assistance, but do not have access to a vehicle should visit the Food Bank's website at [pittsburghfoodbank.org/gethelp](http://pittsburghfoodbank.org/gethelp) for information on opportunities for help, including a map of food pantries, meals for children and SNAP (food stamps) application assistance.

For the safety of all staff, volunteers and attendees, the Food Bank is asking individuals to follow a couple of guidelines.

- All traffic will enter the parking lots via Pool Drive. The Butler County Sheriff's Office will aid in traffic flow for this event.
- For everyone's safety and to maintain the six-foot social distancing guideline, individuals must stay in their cars at all times except to use the provided outdoor restroom facilities. Leaving cars to socialize is prohibited.
- After pulling up to the distribution area, please put the car in park and then unlock the trunk or backseat for food to be loaded. For everyone's safety, volunteers will not be able to load food into the cars until they are in park.
- To maintain social distancing, when food is being loaded into the car, please do not get out of the car.
- Stay alert and follow the guidance of Food Bank staff and law enforcement as they direct cars through the distribution area.

In the interest of serving as many cars as possible, individuals attending this emergency food distribution will receive two (25 lb.) boxes of food per car regardless of the number of families or groups in the vehicle. These two boxes provide enough food for more than 40 meals. The organization's network of

food pantries is strong and ready to assist those who need additional assistance with food.

In these uncertain times, the Food Bank is committed to continuing its nearly 40-year mission of feeding people in need and mobilizing the community to eliminate hunger. The organization is continuously monitoring this ever-changing situation and evaluating the best way to provide assistance to individuals and families in need of food assistance.

Understanding that this is an incredibly stressful time on families and children who rely on school meals, the Food Bank is working with school districts to ensure they have the resources, information and community partner support they need to be able to serve meals to children.

A full schedule of upcoming distributions; information on volunteer opportunities; and a comprehensive list and map of what schools and community organizations are doing to feed children while schools are closed are available on the Food Bank's website at [pittsburghfoodbank.org/covid19](http://pittsburghfoodbank.org/covid19).

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