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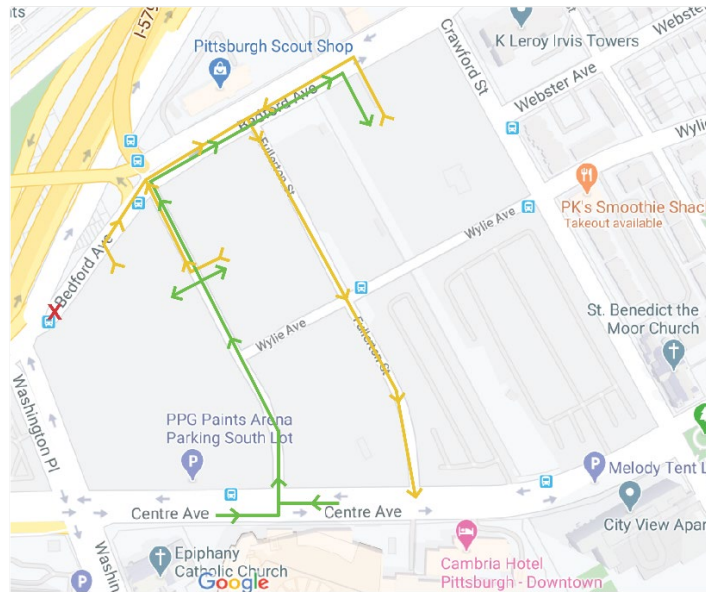
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Food Bank Announces Emergency Food Distribution at PPG Paints Arena

Pittsburgh, PA (April 22, 2020) – Working in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Penguins, Allegheny-Fayette Central Labor Council and City of Pittsburgh Police, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (the Food Bank) today announced an emergency drive-up food distribution set to take place at the parking lots of PPG Paints Arena from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, April 24**. The organizations plan to serve 2,000 vehicles through this three-hour event.

For everyone’s safety, only those attending the event in a vehicle will be served – no walk-ups will be permitted. Pittsburgh Police will assist 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 for information on opportunities for help, including a map of food pantries, meals for children and SNAP (food stamps) application assistance.



— Entrance Traffic
— Exit Traffic

Bedford Ave. traffic uphill from town will be closed. Traffic coming from town coming uphill will be able to turn right onto Washington Pl. to access Centre Ave. or can go left to stay on Bigelow Blvd.

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Traffic details are as follows:

- All vehicles attending the emergency food distribution will enter the distribution area by turning onto Logan Street from Centre Avenue. Once on Logan Street, personnel on site will direct vehicles from the lots to where food will be distributed. To exit, all traffic will be routed to Fullerton Street and will exit via Centre Avenue.
- Bedford Avenue between Washington Place and Crawford Street will be closed to traffic from town going uphill. Traffic from town can turn right onto Washington Place to access Centre Avenue or stay left on Bigelow Boulevard.
- Wylie Avenue will be closed between Crawford Street and Logan Street.

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

- 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.
- 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 police 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 boxes of food per car regardless of the number of families or groups in the vehicle.** These two boxes equal approximately 50 pounds of food. 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 list/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.

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