



Partner Agency Newsletter

December 2018

SPOTLIGHT: Culinary Training Program

The Central Texas Food Bank is offering a 12-week culinary training program that will run 5 days a week, 30 hours per week. This program is a mix of classroom time and hands-on job training designed to teach basic culinary skills such as equipment operation, knife skills, and basic cooking techniques and food safety. It provides real-world experience in the Food Bank's state-of-the-art kitchen, working with commercial equipment and food production. **Please [post these flyers](#) at your distributions to share with clients and volunteers!**



The program is free and open to anyone in the community, subject to eligibility requirements. Class sizes are limited so we can provide individualized attention and instruction. Apply today and get started on your culinary career! Application deadline for the next class is December 14, 2018. The class start date will be January 7, 2019. For more information, FAQs and application form, visit www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/kitchen today.

Closures:

December 24, December 25, December 31, January 1

There will be no pick-ups, deliveries, or shop-for on these days. If you normally pick up or receive deliveries on these days, either order extra food the week prior to the holiday or contact Michelle ASAP at (512) 684-2150 to schedule an alternate pick up day. Pick up dates and times are subject to availability. Regional deliveries will not be rescheduled, but agencies who usually receive deliveries may schedule a pick up at Central Texas Food Bank as our schedule permits. Please note the below changes in ordering timelines. This information can also be found on our website: www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/agencies

If you are picking up on:	Your order is due on:	By:
Wednesday, December 26	Thursday, December 20	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 27	Friday, December 21	9:00 am.
Wednesday, January 2	Thursday, December 27	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 3	Friday, December 28	9:00 a.m.

Reminders & Resources:

Flea Market

Please join us from 8am-12pm on Saturday, December 8th for another non-food flea market. All active partner agencies are eligible to shop! More information [HERE](#).



If you plan to attend, please contact Karsten Darden at kdarden@centraltexasfoodbank.org

Affordable Care Act

The Health Insurance open enrollment period for 2019 began on November 1st and runs through December 15th. During this time, we'd love your help distributing information to clients and volunteers about steps to enroll. Each year, there are new plans with new rates available at HealthCare.gov/MARKETPLACE. Even if you've looked before, take the time to check out your options and find the plan that's right for you. Click the links below for some printable flyers with information on how to enroll. Contact the Agency Relations team if you would like flyers in other languages.

[Enrollment Assistance Flyer](#)

[How to Enroll Flyer](#)

SWAP Nutrition Ranking System

The Food Bank will be transitioning to a new nutrition ranking system called SWAP to better align with current dietary guidance in January. While our current ranking tool, CHOP uses a number system for ranking, Supporting Wellness at Pantries (SWAP) uses a Stoplight Nutrition Ranking System that assigns the colors green, yellow or red to foods based on the levels of saturated fat, sodium and sugar in foods. As we transition to the new system, we will take the month of January to re-rank our inventory using the new color coded rankings. If you do not see a ranking listed in Agency Express, we are working to get those items ranked as quickly as possible. The goal of the SWAP system is to provide a practical way to implement nutrition standards, using clear and appropriately tailored nutrition guidance for food banks and food pantries. [Please click on this link for more information](#) or reach out

to me with any questions about the new system or a product ranking. Hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday season! Angela Henry, Director of Community Health and Nutrition at ahenry@centraltexasfoodbank.org.

TEFAP Forecast:

Applesauce	Canned Diced Tomatoes	Canned Sliced Peaches
Fresh Grapes	1% Shelf-Stable Milk	Canned Whole Kernel Corn
USDA Frozen Chicken thighs	USDA Frozen Whole chickens	Dry Pinto Beans

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