



December 17, 2020

This message is being sent to all members of the Central Texas Food Bank Partner Agency network.

TEFAP Updates

Signature Waiver Extended

The TDA waiver to remove the required signatures from participants/proxies on TEFAP intake forms has been extended through May 30, 2021. Agencies must still obtain federally required intake criteria to properly determine and document eligibility. Please see the revised temporary intake form [here](#).

Please ensure to determine eligibility based on categorical and/or income first. If the participant does not qualify from those two, please utilize the household crisis option and document the reason: lost job, furloughed/laid off, etc. If you have any questions regarding the intake process or TEFAP eligibility, please reach out to your relationship manager.

Austin Partner Agencies

2021 Healthy Living Mini-Grant now accepting applications!

Projects should address health disparities by reaching people who face higher rates of chronic disease. Grants can be up to \$2500 with a focus on making a lasting change. The deadline for applications is Monday 1/11/2021 at midnight.

Projects should focus on one (or more) of these topics: Active Living, Tobacco-free Living, Healthy Eating, Community Gardens, Healthy Food Access, Breastfeeding Support, or Overall Wellness.

[Get more info and application here!](#)

Free YMCA Early Learning Readiness program

As many families are struggling to locate resources during this time, we wanted to make sure our Partners

know about the free YMCA Early Learning Readiness (ELR) program for Pre-K children and their adult caregivers.

ELR provides a stimulating environment for children ages 2-4 to play and learn while developing the physical, verbal, and social skills they'll need to start school ready to succeed. It's being offered in a virtual setting with English and Spanish options. The program is offered **free of charge** to the public and focuses on **increasing the school readiness of young children in low-income families**. However many eligible families simply don't know that the program is available to them.

They have room for about 50 families and new sessions begin in late January. In addition to the instruction, all participants receive a free tablet computer, so it's a tremendous opportunity. [Here's the link to learn more information!](#)

Reminders:

The Food Bank will be closed on December 24 and 25 for the Winter Holiday, and December 31 and January 1 in observance of New Years'. There will be no pick-ups or deliveries on these days.

If you are picking up or receiving delivery on:	Order Window Opens:	At:	Order Due By:	At:
Monday, Dec. 28	Monday, Dec. 21	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 22	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29	Tuesday, Dec. 22	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 23	9:00 a.m.

If you are picking up or receiving delivery on:	Order Window Opens:	At:	Order Due By:	At:
Monday, Jan. 4	Monday, Dec. 28	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 29	9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 5	Tuesday, Dec. 29	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 30	9:00 a.m.
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For the most up-to-date closure information, please refer to the [2020 Holiday Guide](#) and the [agencies page](#) of our website. CTFB will post and send out 30 days prior the ordering guidelines for closures so you can plan for your pantry needs.

General Reminders

We want to know if your distribution has changed (or is going to change) due to COVID-19. If you're closing, re-opening, adjusting hours, or modifying your distribution model, please reach out to your Agency Relations Specialist with that updated information or share it via email at agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org or our partner agency hotline by calling (512) 684-2503.

Remember, we will be sharing COVID-19 resources for partners and our most updated communications on our website here: <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/agencies>

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