

DETROIT

City of Detroit launches one-stop map of food pantries to support SNAP recipients



As part of the City of Detroit's SNAP interruption response, Mayor Mike Duggan recently announced the city website (DetroitMi.Gov) has gone live with an interactive map and listing of 85 verified food pantry locations. Additional sites will be added throughout the day as they are verified and the team working on the city response expects the number to reach approximately 100 by the time pantries open on Wednesday morning.

Residents visiting the website will have the option to view the pantry location listing based on Council District or distance from any address in the city. Using the map view, visitors can click on any one of the dots to find out the address of the pantry, as well as its days and hours of operation.

In a video message posted, Mayor Duggan thanked the 860 Detroiters who already had volunteered to work a shift at a food pantry over the next two weeks, starting Wednesday, Nov. 5 morning.

"I can't begin to thank the hundreds of Detroiters who have volunteered to support their neighbors in this time of need," the Mayor said. "Based on this response, we are confident we will have the food necessary to get us through the next two weeks and the hands needed to package and distribute food to those who need it."

The Mayor was joined in his video by Council President Pro-Tem James Tate and councilmembers, Mary Waters, Scott Benson, Fred Durhal and Gabriella Santiago Romero, who have been instrumental in getting word out to their constituents. Tate also thanked Detroiters for stepping up to volunteer and encouraged them to donate to any local food bank.

"In our conversations with our food pantry operators, they say they still need people to donate food, including canned goods, other dry food good, especially proteins like canned chicken, tuna or salm-

on," Tate said. "Whether or not you can work a volunteer shift, if you can share something from your pantry with others, it will be put to good use."

People still interested in volunteering can find the sign-up form on the front of the City of Detroit website at DetroitMi.Gov. The form lets volunteers sign up for one or more four-hour shifts, starting Wednesday, November 5.

Volunteers are welcomed at the Food Pantry Hartford Memorial Baptist Church at 14000 W Seven Mile Rd Detroit, MI 48235 and Food Pantry - Michigan Veterans Foundation at 4626 Grand River Detroit, MI 48208.

The Trump administration said that SNAP recipients would receive 50% of their usual benefit in November, based on what they say is the amount of funding available in the SNAP reserve fund. It likely will still take days for those benefits to begin to reach SNAP recipients.

On Friday, the Mayor announced he has authorized \$1.75 million in emergency funds to provide additional food to local pantries.

The Mayor's Department of Neighborhoods will be fully assigned to monitor the food pantry locations to determine if they need more volunteers or food. District Managers will be working closely with partners at the United Way and pantries to coordinate volunteer efforts.

In his video, the Mayor again asked Detroiters to limit their visits to food banks to the same week of the month that their SNAP benefits usually appear on their cards.

"Each week, about a quarter of Detroiters who receive their SNAP benefits have them added to their card," the Mayor said. "If everyone sticks to that schedule, we can avoid long lines and better ensure ample food supply each week."

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