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Upcoming Closure

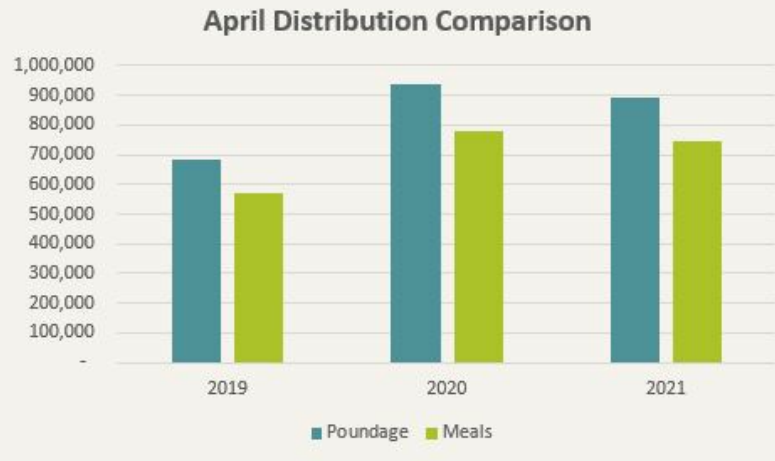


We will reopen on Tuesday, June 1st.

April Distribution Numbers

Feeding Alaskans Together

Over **740,000 meals** were distributed last month through our partners agencies.



National Nutrition Month Success!

Thank you for participating!

In March we celebrated National Nutrition Month with our partner agencies and clients!

Thank you for helping spread the word on how to Personalize Your Plate! The Programs Department had some fun and shared videos to help promote healthy eating habits to the FBA staff!



Above: Rebecca Guyer (apple), Sandy Mitchell (banana) and Nora Elim (carrot)

New Building Update

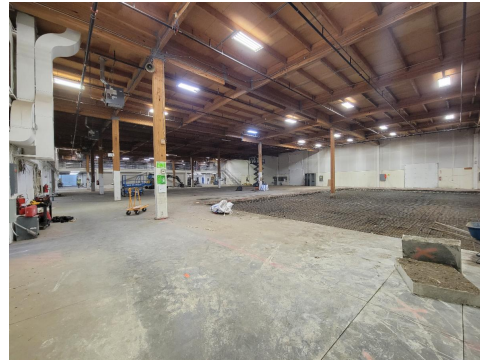


Our construction crew is busy getting our new building ready for us to move in! Our new freezer cooler system just had our first trailer arrive in Anchorage and seven more plan to come in before the end of May. Our new freezer cooler

system is 12,000 sq. ft., a massive increase compared to our current capacity. We hope to share more photos with you in the upcoming months as we get closer to our move in date!



Freezer Area



Cooler Area

Pandemic-EBT

PANDEMIC-EBT IS COMING TO ALASKA SOON!

Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT)
provides money for groceries
while schools are closed.

How you can get P-EBT:

- ✓ Complete a school meal application
- ✓ Make sure your school district has your latest address on file



Foodbankofalaska.org/pebt



The P-EBT program has been extended through the 2020-2021 school year. The State of Alaska is waiting on final authorization from USDA, and more information on eligibility and benefits should be available soon. For updated information and to sign up for updated click [here](#).

Pass the Love with Waffles + Mochi!

Fun for the whole family!

PASS THE LOVE w/ WAFFLES + MOCHI



Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA) started the Pass the Love w/ Waffles + Mochi, a show on Netflix promoting the wonders of food and culture while learning to cook. The PHA raises funds to help distribution 1 million Pass the Love mealkits to families across the country. Children can also get involved by clicking [here](#). You can find recipes, fun ingredients and activities to promote cooking and healthy eating at home with family.

If you would like to learn more about this initiative click [here](#).

The Impact of COVID-19 on Food Insecurity in Alaska

Projected Changes in Food Insecurity from 2020 to 2021

Feeding America has released their annual Map the Meal Gap study with 2019 food insecurity data and have updated projections for 2020 and 2021. To view the interactive map click [here](#).

Food Safety

Has your food worker card or food safety certificate expired?

Here are some options for Food Safety Training:

If your agency is within the Municipality of Anchorage:

1. **Food Handlers Card** - This is an online certification that develops a strong level of food safety knowledge. The course takes approx. 1 hour, costs \$10 and is valid for 3 years
2. **ServSafe** - This is an 8 hour training required for an agency that prepares and serves food such as congregate meals. Alaska regulations require these types of agencies to have at least one person with this training on site when meals are prepared and served ServSafe classes are offered by Alaska CHARR.
3. **FBA Food Safety & Orientation** - This class is free to our partner agencies, valid for 3 years and is approx. 1 hour, via Zoom webinar every second Tuesday of the month at 2:30 pm. Warehouse orientation can be scheduled by appointment only.



Anchorage Food
Handlers Card

ServSafe

FBA Food Safety

DEC Food
Handlers Card

If your agency is outside the Municipality of Anchorage:

1. **DEC Food Handlers Card** - This online certification is offered through the State of Alaska, Division of Environmental Health. Valid for 3 years. NOTE: You are

also required to meet any additional requirements set by your specific jurisdiction.

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Additional Resources

[Denali KidCare Text In Flyer](#)

[Internet Assistance for Alaskans](#)

[Shelf Food Life Guideline](#)

Share your Story

Want to be featured in our next edition?

We are always looking for stories and/or photos of our partner agencies and clients.

By telling stories it has the power to influence, teach and inspire. Our community, donors, board members, and staff love to see how much of an impact everyone is making on reducing food insecure Alaskans.

Share with us today!



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