



Hunger Task Force Response to Safer at Home Orders *Orders from State of Wisconsin and City of Milwaukee*

Updated March 24, 2020

On Tuesday, March 24, the [State of Wisconsin](#) and the [City of Milwaukee](#) issued *Safer at Home* orders in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The State of Wisconsin order is in effect from 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and will remain in effect until Friday, April 24, 2020, or until superseding order is issued. The City of Milwaukee order goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and will continue in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded or amended by the City of Milwaukee Health Commissioner.

Read the full orders: [State of Wisconsin order](#) and [City of Milwaukee order](#)

The order requires all individuals in Wisconsin to stay at home or their place of residence, with exceptions. Here are several exceptions that apply to those in need of emergency food:

Supplying Food to Our Community:

1. **Hunger Task Force will remain open.** Organizations that provide charitable and social services are listed as Essential Business and Operations and will remain open. This includes food banks and food pantries; and businesses, religious organizations and secular nonprofit organizations when providing food, shelter, and social services for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals in need of assistance because of this public health emergency, and people with disabilities.
2. **The Mobile Market will remain open.** Grocery stores and food banks are listed as Essential Business and Operations and will remain open, subject to social distancing requirements, during the *Safer at Home* order.
3. **Schools and public libraries open for distribution.** Although public and private K-12 schools and public libraries are closed, these sites may be used for food distributions.
4. **Volunteers can still help.** Individuals may leave their residence to provide any service or provide any work necessary to offer, provide, operate or maintain Essential Infrastructure, such as Hunger Task Force food distribution efforts.

Picking Up Food for Yourself or Others:

5. **Visit a Food Pantry, Mobile Market, School Meal Site or Stockbox distribution.** Individuals may leave their residence to obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others – such as picking up food.
6. **Human Service Operations.** Individuals may leave their residences to 1) go to field offices that provide or help determine eligibility for basic needs such as food; and 2) go to businesses that provide food, shelter, social services, or other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged people, individuals with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, or otherwise needy individuals.