San Francisco Food Security Taskforce
2021 Recommendations

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Food insecurity infographic (Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health)
Retrieved from: https://foodcommunitybenefit.noharm.org/resources/implementation-strategy/food-insecurity-screening
Food Security: **Significant** Disparities

**Pre Covid-19**

![Graph showing children 0-18 living in poverty](https://www.sfdph.org/dph/hc/HCAgen/2019/May%20CHNA_2019_Report.pdf)

**Post Covid: California Weekly Food Insecurity Rate**

- Hispanic/Latinx (34.5%)
- Black (29%)
- White (18.7%)

**San Francisco Food Insecurity: Latinx Community**

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Escobar, M et al. MedRxIV. October 2020
COVID-19 Exacerbates Food Insecurity Across SF

Economic impact on San Franciscans

- 262,500 have filed for unemployment since Feb.
  - 44% of city’s labor force
- 65,000 are currently looking for work or have left the labor force

(SF Economic Recovery Task Force)
Do we have updated info here?
Cissie Bonini, 2021-02-25T20:52:47.944
HSA survey showed food needs are very high among:

- Pacific Islander, Latinx, Black/African American, Native American, Chinese families
- Families with children
- Mixed immigration status households

*Human Service Agency Pandemic Survey May/June 2020
Does not include unsheltered people*
CB0  site survey is from may/june 2020; verbally mention unsheltered not included  
Cissie Bonini, 2021-02-25T20:54:14.871
COVID: Unprecedented Food Response

Existing Feeding Programs:
• SF & Marin Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, others
• SF Unified School District, CALFRESH, WIC, P-EBT
• Other CBOs and charitable food system

SF City and County:
• Emergency Operations Center
• Feeding Unit – Support & Disaster Service Workers
• Give2SF

New Feeding Programs & Expanded Services
• Community-led interventions
• Housing + Food
• Restaurant pivots

Philanthropy

Kevin N. Hume/SF Examiner, 4/15/20
Above: Photo by Nick Otto, San Francisco Chronicle, 9/15/20
Did I put this in the right section?
Emma Steinberg, 2021-03-03T22:32:10.925
Food Support Needed Urgently Across SF

- Ongoing need
- Proactively plan for roll-back of emergency food supports
- Need to assess need and fill gaps
- See list of immediate threats to food security
@Cissie - I forget exactly what points from the new report you wanted to emphasize here, so I just threw a few in. Feel free to edit

Emma Steinberg, 2021-03-02T04:45:50.731
FSTF Strategic Priorities: Sustaining Progress

1. Shared Measurement

2. Information & Referral

3. Adequate (and Appropriate) Community Resources

4. Sustainability of the FSTF
   • Adequate staffing & resources
   • Sunsetting in June 2021 (need to re-authorize)
Adequate (and Appropriate) Community Resources to Address Disparities

1. Sustain funding and flexibility
2. Whole household support (multiple services ≠ duplication)
3. Culturally relevant & quality food
4. Innovative and community led interventions
Innovations

Delivery

Neighborhood Hubs

Flexibility (esp. public sector requirements)

Culturally Relevant Meals + Groceries

Community Groups + Food

Business + Food (restaurant meals, local business, etc.)

Housing + Food

Grocery & Meal Vouchers

Resources to purchase food:
- Direct cash transfer;
- Gift cards;
- In-store and restaurant vouchers; Market Match;
- Rapid enrollment for CalFresh/SNAP and WIC through administrative waivers;
- Pandemic EBT.

Access to obtain food safely and conveniently:
- Food support for the entire household;
- Culturally and religiously appropriate food;
- Higher quality food;
- Increased access points to pick up free groceries and meals;
- Increased home delivery of meals and groceries;
- Meals and water for unhoused residents delivered to encampments;
- Food for households isolating and quarantining;
- Meals for medically vulnerable people without kitchens living in SROs;
- Household needs such as personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, baby formula, elaphes, or car maintenance supplies.

Consumption (ability to prepare and store food):
- Programs that provided a hybrid of groceries and prepared meals to meet food needs over time;
- Localized, high-quality, and culturally appropriate food from neighborhood groups, stores, and restaurants;
- Reduced frequency of delivery and pick up of food to eliminate unnecessary trips.

San Francisco Food Security Taskforce

March 2021
SF Food Security Coordination Priorities

• Re-authorize Food Security Taskforce

• Centralized City Food Coordination
  • Continue Covid Command
  • Need for ongoing centralized coordination

• Centralized Information and Referral and Data Sharing/Reporting
  • Colorado model for information & referral
  • Essential to track food security city-wide
2021 Recommendations

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March 2021

Recommendations: A sustained commitment, by all levels of government, to end systemic racism and address structural barriers to health, including food insecurity.

Local
- Maintain and expand city investments in food through a health equity framework;
- Ensure food delivered to all communities is high quality and appropriate to cultural and religious needs;
- Food programs should provide for the food needs of the entire household including unsheltered populations;
- Ensure continued funding for programs serving families with children;
- Housing providers should coordinate with food providers;
- Target economic stimulus recovery through direct cash support, jobs, and business development, with a focus on food for vulnerable communities and provided by businesses owned by communities most impacted by COVID-19;
- Funders and city contracts should be flexible to allow grantees to reallocate funds to respond to needs;
- Maintain and improve integrated food referral and resource list through 311 and city website;
- Expand localized solutions such as neighborhood task forces and resource hubs;
- Increase utilization of outdoor public spaces for food distribution and urban agriculture;
- Conduct a consistent and ongoing food security assessment and implementation plan with regular public updates to the Board of Supervisors and Mayor.
State:

- Support school meals; food access for immigrants/undocumented; reduction of admin burden (CalFresh, WIC);
- Simplify CalFresh for seniors; medically supportive food inclusion in Medi-Cal.

Federal:

- Support SNAP benefit increases; unemployment benefits, direct cash payments; extend Pandemic - EBT.
ES0  Add P-EBT to this slide too?
Emma Steinberg, 2021-03-03T22:33:03.285

CB0 0  It's already here!
Cissie Bonini, 2021-03-04T01:05:30.045
Resources & Research Links

**SF Food Security Taskforce Link**
https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/FSTF/default.asp

**FSTF Reports and Presentations Link**
https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/FSTF/reportsassessment.asp
- Human Services Agency Pandemic Survey
- COVID Command Feeding Unit Gaps Analysis
- Food Security Taskforce Reports & Recommendations

**SF Budget & Legislative Analyst Report on Food Security (2/21/21) Link**
https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/BLA.Food%20Insecurity.022321.pdf
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1. Sustain funding and flexibility
   A. Increase transparency
   B. More philanthropy currently
      I. Less sustainable