



RE: HASTINGS FRESH FOOD INITIATIVE SITE

The Barry County United Way is working diligently to insure that food is available to those in Barry County during this time. The Hastings Fresh Food Initiative site, which is typically held every Wednesday morning at 9am at the Green Street United Methodist Church, is following the CDC guidelines and recommendations set forth at it relates to COVID-10. We WILL continue to hand out food on Wednesday mornings; however, it will look different.

We will still be hosting a distribution at the Green Street United Methodist Church in Hastings in the rear parking lot located just off of Court Street.

We ask that NO ONE exit their vehicles and please DO NOT arrive early and wait. The parking lot will be blocked off until program starts.

The truck will arrive at the normal scheduled time and volunteers will unload the food items, then package all items in to bags - 1 bag per household ONLY. **IMPORTANT:** The Barry County United Way is providing the limited volunteers that will be used for this event. We are asking that no outside volunteers or program recipients enter the building unless coordinated through Morgan Johnson directly. Again, our volunteers will be the ONLY ones allowed in to the building for any reason. In an effort to keep this process moving, we ask that you do not arrive early. A United Way staff member will be available at 8:45am to let volunteers in to the building through the Kitchen door only – which will remain locked throughout the entire program. Again, please do not arrive early or try to access the building.

Distribution will be a drive up style until further notice. A delayed distribution will start at 10:00am and run until 11:30am according to the below schedule. PLEASE only come during your rescheduled time to help decrease the wait time and allow our volunteers the ability keep the line moving effectively.

- Based on the first letter of your last name:

A-H	10:00-10:30am
I-P	10:30-11:00am
Q-Z	11:00-11:30am

A volunteer will meet you at your car at a designated entrance into the parking lot to have you complete the paperwork, you will then move forward in the line to hand off your paperwork and receive your bag of food. You will then exit the parking lot. We will NOT be offering additional food bags or allowing families to go through the line more than once.

If you typically drop off or pick up a box in the kitchen due to any type of restriction, we have temporarily suspended this option. This distribution will ONLY be a drive up option and ONLY 1 (one) bag of food per household. Those riding together but living in separate households must fill out separate paperwork. If you are someone who previously had a box filled in the kitchen, you MAY go through the drive through option with everyone else in attendance.

Keep in mind:

- This program is non-qualifying
- One bag per household
- Must be a Barry County Resident

We greatly appreciate your understanding in this matter and we are doing our best to be able to provide food to those who are in need. Please be patient with us as we work through this new way of distribution. Any questions regarding this program should be directed to the Barry County United Way at 269-945-4010. If you are in need of additional food resources, please call 2-1-1.