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Topic: Food Assistance

Food Banks, Food Assistance for Seniors, and for Children

Foothills Food Bank

In the eastern part of the county, food is distributed 9-10 am for Last Names A-N and 10-11am for Last Names O-Z.

Tuesdays | 9-11:30 am

East Whatcom Regional Resource Center, 8251 Kendall Rd, Maple Falls

(360) 599-3944

www.foothillsfoodbank.org

Nooksack Valley Food Bank

Drive up, pick up system.

Tuesdays | 9-11:30 am

100 E Second St, Everson

(360) 201-8229

Bellingham Food Bank - Drive Up

Folks may visit once per week and may choose location. They will join a car queue and when it's their turn, volunteers will provide a pre-packed food box without requiring person to person contact. There will be a bike or walk-up option as well. Pick up for up to 2 families, no paperwork required.

Tuesdays | 1-4 pm

Shuksan Middle School Parking Lot, 2717 Alderwood Ave, Bellingham

Wednesdays | 3-6 pm

Christ the King Church Parking Lot, 4173 Meridian St, Bellingham

Thursdays | 1-4 pm

Civic Athletic Complex, 1355 Civic Field Way, Bellingham

<https://www.bellinghamfoodbank.org/>

Bellingham Food Bank - Deliveries for Homebound High-Risk Individuals

If you or someone you know is in need of food bank services but unable to access food bank pick-up sites, you may qualify for Emergency Food Bank Home Deliveries. To be eligible for this program, you must qualify for food bank services and meet at least one of the following criteria: Lack transportation



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to a food bank pickup site, or be at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or be in isolation because you have received a positive COVID-19 test result, or be in quarantine because you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 and may become sick.

Food Bank Delivery Hotline at (360) 255-0465.

<https://whatcomcovid.com/food-bank-deliveries/>

Miracle Food Network

For those in need, the best way to contact the network is to reach out on Facebook via direct message, as a member of the group is monitoring the page for incoming requests nearly 24/7 according to Alicia Fairbanks, Facilities Logistics Coordinator.

<https://www.facebook.com/MiracleFoodNetwork/>

The organization Miracle Food Network is unique because it receives food that has been turned away from restaurants and grocery stores for various reasons, and repackages and distributes it the same day, reports The Bellingham Herald. "We have a full commercial kitchen (at) work with the health department making sure we're up to code," said Alicia Fairbanks, Facilities Logistics Coordinator.

<https://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/coronavirus/article242073661.html>

Food Assistance for Seniors

Whatcom Council on Aging - Pick Up

The program senior community meals is a once-a-week pick up of seven meals. Each package will include a hot meal plus six frozen meals prepared by cooks. The bags will also contain a half gallon of 2% milk and whole grain bread. These meals are available to adults over 60 and are donation based. No one will be turned away due to an inability to donate. Meals will be distributed at the following locations on the days listed from 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

Mondays | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Everson Senior Center, 111 West Main St (360) 778-5850

Sumas Community Center, 461 Second St (360) 988-2714

Wednesdays | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Blaine Senior Center, 763 G St (360) 332-8040

Ferndale Senior Center, 1999 Cherry St (360) 384-6244



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Bellingham Senior Center, 315 Halleck St (360) 733-4030

<https://whatcomcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PRESS-RELEASE-Changes-to-Whatcom-County-Senior-Community-Meals.pdf>

Whatcom Council on Aging - Delivery

If you are 60 years of age or older and homebound, meals can be delivered. Call 360-746-6480 or fill out a form online.

<https://whatcomcoa.org/request-meals/>

Lynden Senior Center - Pick Up and Delivery

Hot, ready-to-eat, and freshly prepared meals are \$5 each. Meals-to-go are delivered to your home or you can pick up at the 'walk up window' at 410 Grover Street, Lynden. (Please practice social distancing.) Some frozen meals are also available. Call 360-354-2991 to pre-order by 10:30 the day of. Some frozen meals are also available.

<https://www.lyndencommunitycenter.org/membership.html>

Food Assistance for Children

Bellingham Public Schools - Pick Up

Multi-day meal boxes are provided at all 16 sites (schools and neighborhood complexes) between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. only on Mondays.
Call 360-319-8863 or en español 360-510-9174.

<https://bellingshamschools.org/families/school-day-information/school-menus/>

Blaine School District

Grab 'n Go meals are now available for pick up at the school as well as along all existing bus stops. Every child, 18 and under, who comes to a pick up point will be provided a meal, regardless of whether or not they are a student of our district. One lunch and one breakfast (for the next day) will be distributed, including a milk for each meal.

Monday - Friday | 11 am - 12 pm

Blaine High School, 1055 H St, in parking lot behind new grandstands.

<https://www.blainesd.org/covid-19-nutrition-plan>



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Meal delivery routes and times are found on the link below. Call 360-332-0700.

https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/634059/DELIVERY_ROUTES.pdf

Ferndale School District

Meals are for all Ferndale School District students, either by pick up or by delivery to those families who may not be able to travel to one of the distribution sites.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Ferndale High School, 5830 Golden Eagle Dr
Central Elementary School, 5610 2nd Ave
Horizon/Eagleridge Campus, 2671 / 2651 Thornton Rd
Custer Elementary School, 7660 Custer School Rd
Skyline Elementary School, 2225 Thornton St
Cascadia Elementary School, 6175 Church Rd
North Bellingham Learning Center
Beach Elementary School, 3786 Centerview Rd, Lummi Island

If you need meals delivered for your student, please call 360-383-9236.

<https://www.ferndalesd.org/news/1677221/ferndale-school-district-announces-meal-distribution-beginning-on-march-20-2020>

Lynden School District

Meals are offered for pick up at four school sites. Meals will be free for all children 0-18 years of age (they do not need to be a student) and children must be present. Breakfast for the next morning will be given out with lunch.

Monday - Friday | 11 am -12:30 pm
Fisher Elementary, 501 - 14th St
Isom Elementary Kendall Rd, 8461 Benson Rd
Vossbeck Elementary, 1301 Bridgeview Rd
Lynden Middle School, 8750 Line Rd

call (360) 354-4443

https://lynden.wednet.edu/news/what_s_new/meal_pick-up_available_during_school_closure

Meridian School District



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All children ages 0-18 are eligible. Meals distributed on Tuesday are for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Meals given on Friday are for Friday and Monday.

Pick Up on Tuesdays & Fridays | 1:30 am - 12:30 pm
Meridian Middle School, 861 Ten Mile Rd, Lynden

Deliveries are being made to the following seven locations throughout the district.

Monday - Friday | 11 am -12:30 pm
Pollman Circle / South end of Vail Dr. – 11:00 to 11:45 am
Mobile Lane – 11:00 to 11:20
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints / 5800 Northwest Dr. 11:25 to 11:45 am
Cordata Presbyterian Church / 400 Meadowbrook Ct. – 11:00 to 11:45 am
Pacific Rim Apartments – 11:00 to 11:45 am
Truth Tabernacle / 901 54th Terrace – 11:00 to 11:30 am
New Life Fellowship / 810 E. Pole Rd. – 11:00 to 11:30 am

Call (360) 318-2172 to request delivery for families not within walking distance or who are without transportation.

<https://www.meridian.wednet.edu/blog/2020/03/26/food-delivery-plan/>

Mt Baker School District

Offers the "Reverse the Baker Bus" Meal Delivery Program. Three days' worth of breakfast and lunch will be provided with each delivery. Service is for any child 0-18 years of age. Buses will be operating in the Acme, Harmony, and Kendall areas.

Tuesdays & Fridays | starting at 11:45 a.m.

Call (360) 383-2024 or (360) 383-2060

<https://www.mtbaker.wednet.edu/cms/lib/WA02217543/Centricity/Domain/1503/COVID19%20Bus%20Delivery%20Schedule.pdf>

<https://www.mtbaker.wednet.edu/Page/3464>

Nooksack Valley School District



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Free Grab & Go Meals for all students and children under 18 years of age. Children should be present. Meal bags contain one breakfast and one lunch.

Mondays - Fridays | 11am-12pm

Everson, Nooksack and Sumas Elementary Schools, and NV Middle School.

<https://www.nv.k12.wa.us/board-post/~board/district/post/free-grab-go-meals-for-kids>

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1584977460/nvk12waus/lzn289hle3mcptvtwhdx/2020GrabandGoFlyer.pdf>