

Options for Food/Meals for Older Adults

IDoA wants to ensure older adults continue to have access to food and meals during the COVID-19 emergency. Below are several resources when identifying a food/meal source for older adults.

RESOURCES:

- Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to access home-delivered/shelf stable meals
 - Find your AAA <https://webapps.illinois.gov/AGE/ProviderProfileSearch/Search>
- Home-delivered meals referrals
 - Contact your [Care Coordination Unit](#)
- Older adults may order groceries in advance online and pre-pay (home care aide/family member/other could pick up).
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Utilize monthly allotment
 - All current SNAP participants who don't already receive the maximum monthly SNAP allotment for their household size will receive a supplemental allotment, in April and May, up to the maximum amount allowed
 - CCUs can assist older adults apply online via the Integrated Eligibility System (IES)
 - Older adults can apply online **ABE.illinois.gov**, by calling the Help is Here line at **1-833-2-FIND-HELP** or by contacting their local IL Department of Human Services (DHS) Family and Community Resource Center (FCRC). The list of FCRCs can be found [here](#).
 - An older adult may give permission to an approved representative to use the older adult's LINK card. Please see [guidance](#) from DHS for more information.
- Food banks/pantries
 - [List](#) of food banks and soup kitchens in Illinois
 - [Find](#) a food bank online
 - [Find](#) The Emergency Food Assistance Program provider in your county/PSA
- Emergency Senior Services (ESS) grant
 - Referrals made for use of ESS grant should be the payor of last resort. Please refer to ESS guidance for more information.
 - If you have difficulty contacting the managed care organization (MCO) to forward the request, please contact Aging.COVID19.ESS@illinois.gov and share all available information so IDoA can assist with routing the request to the proper MCO.

If you have any questions, please contact aging.occs@illinois.gov