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COVID-19 RESPONSE: FEEDING SAN DIEGO ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS ACROSS SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Demand for services continues to rise while sources of food become unpredictable

SAN DIEGO (March 17, 2020) — Feeding San Diego hosted a press conference earlier today, Tuesday, March 17, to announce additional emergency food distributions to help meet the increased need throughout San Diego County. Amid the progression of the novel coronavirus, Feeding San Diego is maintaining its operations and striving to minimize disruption to hunger-relief services while implementing new methods of food distribution, including drive-through and drop-and-go models to ensure appropriate social distancing. Closures of schools, businesses and partner sites have resulted in significant gaps in food assistance, which Feeding San Diego is monitoring closely and launching additional food distributions based on community input and the needs of specific populations.

"This is a time of solidarity. Even as we're asked to stand six feet apart from each other, San Diego County is coming together to meet the needs of the community," said Vince Hall, CEO of Feeding San Diego.

"We're in a crisis. We have a global health crisis that's all over the news. But it's much bigger than that. It's creating a job crisis, a people crisis, and a food crisis," said Keith Maddox, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council.

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITES:

South: 3/17/20 | 2:00 PM
Community through Hope
465 C St, Chula Vista, CA 91910

North Inland: 3/18/20 | 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Community Food Connection
14047 Twin Peaks Rd., Poway, CA 92064

North Coastal: 3/19/20 | 10:30 AM – 6:30 PM
Location: Brother Benno Foundation
Address: 3260 Production Ave., Oceanside, CA 92058

East: 3/20/20 | 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Salvation Army El Cajon
1025 E Main St., El Cajon, CA 92021

Central: 3/21/20 | 10:00 AM
Labor Council
SDCCU Stadium, 9449 Friars Rd, San Diego, CA 92108
Northeast Lot

Listings of available emergency distributions will be updated daily and published at [feedingsandiego.org/coronavirus](https://www.feedingsandiego.org/coronavirus).

To download a full recording of the press conference, go to <https://www.dropbox.com/s/h108atikvxva86l/FSD%20Press%20Conference.mov?dl=0>.

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ABOUT FEEDING SAN DIEGO

[Feeding San Diego](https://www.feedingsandiego.org) is a non-profit organization on a mission to connect every person facing hunger with nutritious meals by maximizing food rescue. Established in 2007, Feeding San Diego is the leading hunger-relief and food rescue organization in San Diego County and the only Feeding America affiliate in the region. Feeding San Diego provides more than 26 million meals every year to children, families, seniors, college students, military families and veterans and people facing homelessness in partnership with a network of 300 local charities, schools, faith communities, meal sites and food pantries. Through an efficient model focused on reducing our impact on the environment, every dollar donated helps provide four nutritious meals to people in need. To learn more about Feeding San Diego and its hunger-relief initiatives, visit [feedingsandiego.org](https://www.feedingsandiego.org).