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FEEDING SAN DIEGO HOLDS THIRD EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION TODAY FOR 1,000 PLUS HOSPITALITY WORKERS

Every Monday in February, members of the local hospitality industry affected by the pandemic have access to nutritious food for free at Pechanga Arena

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SAN DIEGO (February 15, 2021) — This month, Feeding San Diego, the county’s leading hunger relief and food rescue organization, has established a large-scale emergency drive-through food distribution site specifically for members of the hospitality industry who are out of work or working reduced hours and in need of nutritious food.

Feeding San Diego's work has always been closely intertwined with the local food community, whether it’s working with celebrity chefs to spread the word of its mission, or partnering with restaurants and caterers to rescue food that would otherwise go to waste. For the month of February, Feeding San Diego is providing a dedicated food distribution for the local hospitality community as part of a Spread Love San Diego campaign.

Each distribution will provide over 1,000 households with 50 pounds of food including: a frozen meat protein, produce, and dry goods. Those who attend will also receive valuable resources about how to access other Feeding San Diego distributions close to their home and information about CalFresh, and how the organization can help them apply. Many people are facing hunger for the first time and don’t know where to turn. One of the objectives of the distribution is to empower people with the information they need to navigate this crisis over the long-term.

Last week’s distribution, held on Monday, February 8, saw over 1,000 families drive through and over 50,000 pounds of food distributed.
**What:** Drive-through distribution where volunteers place food directly in the trunk, always keeping six feet of distance. All attendees are asked to wear a mask. Attendees must register via the link here: https://feedingsandiego.app.rsvpify.com/.

**When:** Every Monday at 1 PM during the month of February. The third one is today, Monday, February 15. 1,000 plus households will be served.

**Where:** Pechanga Arena (3500 Sports Arena Blvd, San Diego, CA 92110)

**Interview Opportunities:** Feeding San Diego team members are available for interviews, as are potential food recipients. Please contact Allison Glader to arrange an interview day-of.

For additional assistance, those affected by the pandemic or people in need can easily find the closest food distribution by visiting feedingsandiego.org/get-help and entering their zip code in the “Find Food Map.”

To help people facing hunger during the pandemic, San Diegans can give online to enable Feeding San Diego to continue its critical work during this time.

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**ABOUT FEEDING SAN DIEGO**

[Feeding San Diego](https://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 31.2 million meals every year to children, families, seniors, college students, military families, and veterans in partnership with a network of 320 local charities, schools, faith communities, meal sites, and food pantries. Last year, more than 92 percent of the food provided to the community was rescued. By diverting more than 27 million pounds of food from the landfill, Feeding San Diego reduced greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 25,000 metric tons of CO2 equivalent, which is comparable to taking 5,300 cars off the road for one year. To learn more about Feeding San Diego and its COVID-19 response, visit feedingsandiego.org.