Due to the recent school closures, community organizations are working to help provide meals for children. There are a number of options you can do to help keep Allegan County residents healthy and safe.

**Consider food safety before offering any meals.**

**OUR GOAL: ENSURE MEALS PROVIDED ARE SAFE**

- Make sure all food employees, volunteers, and others wash their hands frequently.
- Advise employees, volunteers, and others to stay home if feeling sick.
- Clean and disinfect regularly used surfaces often.
  - Follow CDC recommendations

**OPTION 1: DONATE OR PROVIDE NON-PERISHABLE FOODS**

These items can be cereal bars, chips, granola bars, water, packaged beverages, and other pre-packaged items that do not require refrigeration for safety.

**OPTION 2: GET A TEMPORARY FOOD LICENSE**

Unlicensed locations, facilities, and organizations are required to obtain a temporary food service license, if they are serving food to the public. Examples that would require a license are, hot dogs, pizza, pizza slices, eggs, cut fresh fruit, spaghetti dinners, etc.
OPTION 3: PARTNER/VOLUNTEER WITH A RESTAURANT OR GROUP THAT HAS A FOOD SERVICE LICENSE

- Licensed facilities, such as restaurants, may serve food that was prepared in their licensed facility at another location.
- This is considered remote site service and does not require further licensing if there is no further food prep taking place.
- Food prep is considered heating food to be able to serve, cutting, shredding items such as cheese, vegetables, or fruit.
- Plating, hot holding, cold holding is not considered food prep at a remote site service location.

TEMPORARY FOOD APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out the temporary food license application.
   a. Online at www.allegancounty.org/health
   b. Printed copies available at the Allegan County Health Department
2. Deliver application to Allegan County Health Department with payment.
   a. Mail in with payment
   b. Bring to our office, with payment
   c. Email alleganeh@allegancounty.org and they will call you for payment upon receipt
3. Food Program personnel will review the application, schedule and verify time of inspection and information.
4. Food Program personnel will be at your location to perform an inspection and issue a license, if able.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.allegancounty.org/health for an application.

Call Allegan County Health Department at (269) 673-5411 if you have any questions or concerns.

RESOURCES

- CDC/COVID-19
- MDHHS