



GREAT PLATES DELIVERED (GPD) PARTICIPANTS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE NOT TAKING NEW PARTICIPANTS

The State of California recently announced that the Great Plates Delivered program will be ending on Friday, July 9, 2021.

Over the next several weeks our staff will reach out to all the participants to check on continued food needs, offer suggestion on programs you may be eligible to transfer to, and provide assistance with any appropriate transition.

The City of San José will continue to provide meals to all participants in the Great Plates Delivered program at least through July 31, 2021 while our staff reaches out to you.

Resources You May Be Eligible For:

CalFresh Benefits & One-on-One Application Assistance

This program provides one-on-one CalFresh Benefits application assistance over the phone for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Call 408-350-3200 and select option no. 1

Meals on Wheels

This program provides homebound adults 60 years and older with nutritious meals to their door. Learn more about available services.

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Senior Nutrition Program

Many cities in Santa Clara County, in conjunction with the County of Santa Clara provide a non-delivered nutritious lunch meal to older adults 60+. These well-balanced meals meet County Health standards and must be picked up in person..

For more information on this program, Click here <https://bit.ly/3dmjGLd> for a map of locations, contact information, and hours of operation.

Free Groceries

Our community partners are providing free fresh fruits, vegetables and pantry staples for individuals and families in need.

Call 1-800-984-3663 (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Text “GETFOOD” to 408-455-5181

General COVID-19 Information Available 24/7

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Map on the homepage

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I AM ALREADY ENROLLED IN GPD AND I HAVE QUESTIONS:

What is Great Plates Delivered?

GPD was announced by Governor Gavin Newsom on April 24, 2020 as an “Emergency Feeding Program Framework” seeking to expand meal access to include a population of newly defined vulnerable persons, stimulate local restaurant recovery and put in place streamlined funding guidance by the State.

The number of qualified Santa Clara County participants for this program averaged between 1,200 to 1,700 per day. The City of San José served as Local Administrator for the program per the County of Santa Clara/City of San José agreement on countywide food and necessities distribution.

The City of San José/County of Santa Clara have agreed to provide qualified participants LUNCH and DINNER in collaboration with World Central Kitchen.

Is GPD a new permanent program?

No. The Great Plates Delivered program was a temporary program in response to COVID-19.

When will Great Plates Delivered End?

The initial state initiative ended on June 10, 2020 and has been extended by the State of California on a monthly basis since then.

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Is there contact information for GPD with the State of California?

Participants can reach out directly to the Great Plates Program with feedback for the statewide program at GreatPlates@soc.caloes.ca.gov.

Are there resources we can look into on our own?

Yes. Below is a list of possible resources you may be eligible for.

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Feeding America’s Food Bank Database

For individuals interested in contacting their local community food bank. Interested individuals can visit the Feeding America website to find the closest food bank in their area.

<https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank>

California Food Pantry and Food Bank Database

This is a database that lists California food pantries and food banks throughout the United States for individuals interested in seeking free food resources.

<https://www.freefood.org/s/california>

TRIO Community Meals

TRIO Community Meals support the unique mission of each senior nutrition program by customizing congregate and home-delivered meal programs. Individuals must complete an online form and meet eligibility requirements.

<https://triocommunitymeals.com/>