

COVID-19 Food Guide for Danbury

Members of the Danbury Food Collaborative are implementing safety and hygiene precautions to protect the health of participants, volunteers, and staff. Pantries have transitioned from choice pantry models to pre-packaged bags, and they are adjusting sign-in and other processes to allow social distancing and enhanced sanitizing practices.

FOOD PANTRIES

Most food pantries provide shelf-stable food (pasta, canned goods, etc.) as well as fresh foods.

Association of Religious Communities

24 Delay St., Danbury CT 06810
(behind Family Dollar) / 203-792-9450
Open: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday of each month through June.

Food is distributed at 10:30 am

Eligibility: Anyone.

Documents needed: None.

Frequency of Visits: Unrestricted.

Bethel Community Food Pantry

141 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, CT
203-947-1754

Open: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 2:30-5:30 pm

Eligibility: Priority is for Bethel residents.

Documents needed: Proof of address

Frequency of Visits: Twice per month

Community Action Agency of Western CT

10 Aaron Samuels Blvd., Danbury, CT 06810
203-744-4700 ext. 105

Open: Thursdays, 1-4 pm.

Eligibility: Individuals/families below 235% of Federal Poverty Limit.

Documents needed: Photo ID, income verification

Frequency of Visits: Once a month.

Daily Bread Food Pantry

25 West St., Danbury, CT 06810 / 203-748-3561

Open: Mondays, 12:00pm -1:30 pm;

Fridays, 10 am-11:30 am.

Eligibility: Anyone.

Documents needed: None.

Frequency of Visits: Once a month.

Interfaith AIDS Ministry

54 Main St., Danbury, CT 06810 / 203-748-4077

Open: Thursday, 11 am-4 pm.

Eligibility: Individuals / families infected / affected by HIV / AIDS.

Documents needed: Physician signed form on being positive for HIV / AIDS.

Frequency of Visits: Every 2 weeks.

Jericho Food Pantry

22 Maple Ave, Danbury, CT 06810

203-794-7950 ext. 202

Open: Fridays, 2-3:30pm

Eligibility: All welcome for first visit, with photo ID. After first visit, you must apply for voucher to use the pantry. Please call for appointment.

Documents needed: Photo ID, address verification, paystub, children's birth certificate.

Frequency of Visits: Once a month.

Purple Heart Ministries Food Pantry

30 Elm St., Danbury, CT 06810

203-947-2141

Open: Wednesday, distribution starts at 2pm

Eligibility: Anyone.

Documents needed: None.

Frequency of visits: Unrestricted.

The Salvation Army Emergency Assistance Food Pantry

15 Foster St., Danbury, CT 06810 / 203-792-7505

Pantry: Wednesdays, 9 am-12 noon

Breadline: Fridays 9 am-12 noon

Eligibility: Residents of Greater Danbury.

Documents needed: Photo ID, proof of address, number of people in household.

Frequency of Visits: Once a month for the pantry, every week for the breadline.

For more information, or to donate food, please contact the agencies directly or call United Way at 203-883-0879. For more information about community resources dial 2-1-1 or visit ww.211.ct.org

Victory Christian Center Food Pantry

23 Eden Dr., Danbury, CT 06810

203-778-4444

Open: Every Monday, distribution starts at 1:30pm

Eligibility: Anyone in Greater Danbury.

Documents needed: Photo ID with address verification.

Frequency of Visits: Unrestricted

MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

The Connecticut Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry schedule is subject to change and will be continuously updated. For more information, go to www.ctfoodbank.org and click on the Mobile Food Pantry schedule from the home page.

CONGREGATE MEALS

Congregate meal providers offer prepared meals. Some also offer food pantry items for clients to take home.

Catholic Charities Morning Glory Program

11 Spring St., Danbury, CT / 203-349-2428

Morning Glory is temporarily suspending service. The program and its staff will continue to be a resource for clients and partners.

Dorothy Day House of Hospitality

11 Spring St., Danbury, CT 06810 / 203-743-7988

Open: Kitchen is serving grab and go bags of food from 3 pm-4:30 pm daily.

Eligibility: Anyone.

Required documents: None.

Frequency of visits: Unrestricted.

DELIVERED GROCERY BAGS

Hillside Food Outreach

39 Old Ridgebury Rd., Suite 16, Danbury, CT
203-702-4881

Hillside Food Outreach makes home deliveries of groceries to quarantined people in the Danbury area. Call 203-702-4881 or visit their website for ways to help: <https://hillsidefoodoutreach.org>.

SNAP (Food Stamps)

End Hunger Connecticut! SNAP Call Center

www.endhungerct.org

The End Hunger Connecticut!'s SNAP Call Center remains in full operation to help with applications, redeterminations, and other assistance for SNAP. They are experiencing an influx of calls, so you may need to leave a message. English and Spanish support.

Call the toll-free SNAP Call Center at 866-974-SNAP (7627) To check hours and for more information, go to www.ctsnap.org.

Food Rescue US

www.foodrescue.us 27 Ann St., Ground Floor,
Norwalk, CT 06854(800) 280-3298

Food Rescue US is committed to ending American food insecurity by directly transferring fresh, usable food that would have otherwise been thrown away from restaurants, grocers & other sources to food-insecure families throughout the U.S. They are now providing individual meals to their social service partners, along with excess food donations. Please contact Danielle Blaine at danielle@foodrescue.us if you would like to volunteer or your organization is interested in receiving food donations.

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DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL MEALS

Grab-and-go meals are available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 to 11:30 am throughout the district for any child 18 and younger.

You will receive 2 days of breakfast and lunch on Mondays and 3 days of breakfast and lunch on Wednesdays for each child. Your child does not need to accompany you on the grab and go. You can drive up, and a meal will be delivered to you or stations will be available for walk up pickup. Please refrain from congregating in a single area.

Locations and times could change. Any changes will be communicated via robocall. If you have any questions or have challenges getting to one of these locations, you can email Danbury Public Schools School Nutrition at schoolnutrition@danbury.k12.ct.us. The locations open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 to 11:30 am are:

Mill Ridge Primary School, 49A High Ridge Road

Rogers Park Middle School, 21 Memorial Dr.

Stadley Rough School, 26 Karen Road

Shelter Rock School, 2 Crows Nest Lane

Morris St. Elementary School, 28 Morris St.

Ellsworth Avenue School, 53 Ellsworth Ave.

Park Avenue School, 82 Park Avenue

The New American Dream Foundation is distributing hot meals to children on Saturdays, May 30, June 6, June 16 from 10 - 11:30 am, on a first-come, first-served basis, simultaneously at Morris Street School, the Early Childhood Center on Cottage Street, Park Avenue School, and South Street School. For more information go to thenewamericandreamfoundation.org

SENIOR FOOD RESOURCES

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Homebound Seniors

Danbury seniors who need food or groceries delivered can contact Connecticut Community Care at 203-591-5485.

If you are a homebound senior over the age of 60 who is not participating in the CT Homecare Program and would like Meals on Wheels, Call Western CT Area Agency on Aging at 800-994-9422 or 203-757-5449. They are arranging for a 2-week supply of meals to be delivered to homebound seniors.

Danbury Senior Center at Elmwood Hall

10 Elmwood Place, Danbury, CT 06810 / 203-797-4686

The Danbury Senior Center was a congregate meal site for seniors. Now 4 of the 5 meals are delivered to Danbury seniors twice a week. The Senior Center is at capacity and has started a waitlist. Call the Senior Center at 203-797-4686.

Senior Hours at Grocery Stores

The following grocery stores are only allowing seniors and those with vulnerable immune systems to shop during certain hours:

ShopRite: 6–7 am for customers 65+

Stop & Shop: 6–7:30 am for customers 60+

Caraluzzi's: 7–8 am for customers 65+

Stew Leonard's: Opens 30 minutes early each day for seniors and those with vulnerable immune systems. StewLeonards.com

Target: Reserves the first hour of shopping each Wednesday for the elderly and those with underlying conditions Target.com

Whole Foods: Opens 1 hour early for customers 60 and older wholefoods-market.com

FARMERS MARKET

Danbury Farmers' Market

203-791-1711

Open: Fridays 10 am–2 pm, June 19th thru Oct. 30

Danbury Railway Museum, 120 White St. Visit www.DanburyFarmerMarket.org or on Facebook DanburyConnecticutFarmers Eligibility: Open to all.

Accepts SNAP, WIC, Community Certificates. Provides unlimited \$1 for \$1 match for SNAP, up to \$9 match for WIC and Senior Farmer Market Nutrition Program vouchers.

Veterans and Senior discount program proof needed.

Frequency of visits: Unrestricted.

Food: Fresh, local.

DANBURY WIC PROGRAM (Women, Infants & Children)

203-456-1410

Currently all appointments are by phone.

Services:

Individual time to speak with a nutritionist or trained professional about your diet or your child's diet; breastfeeding support and information; referrals to health care and other social services; an eWIC card to buy healthy food for you or your children.

Eligibility:

Pregnant women (through pregnancy and up to 6 weeks after birth or after pregnancy ends); breastfeeding women (up to infant's 1st birthday); non-breastfeeding postpartum women (up to 6 months after the birth of an infant or after pregnancy ends); infants** (up to 1st birthday); children** up to their 5th birthday.

**fathers, grandparents, foster parents or other guardians may apply.

Requirements:

Must live in Connecticut. You do not need to be a U.S. citizen; must complete a nutrition assessment with WIC staff; must meet the WIC income guidelines which are set at or below 185% of the federal poverty income limit.

IF YOU WANT TO HELP

Donate: You can donate to the Danbury Food Collaborative by going to

www.uwwesternct.org/danburyfoodcollaborative

You can also donate directly to the food pantries listed on this guide.

Volunteer: If you want to volunteer to deliver food to the homebound, call Stacy Schulman at 203-826-8479 or

stacy.schulman@uwwesternct.org

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