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### Public Feeding Guidance for COVID-19

The Food Ordinance (Ordinance No. 68597) requires a permit for public distribution of food in the City of St. Louis. But the City of St. Louis, Department of Health is waiving this requirement for a permit at this time. In order to provide the homeless population with safe and whole food, the City of St. Louis Department of Human Services (DHS) is coordinating the efforts of Individuals and Organizations interested in the food distribution program. All those interested in supplying or distributing food must be approved by the Human Services Department (DHS) before filing-out the Public Feeding Guidance Form (pdf fillable form), and email to:

#### **Locations for Food Distribution:**

- Location must be approved by the Department of Human Services (DHS)
- All participants must be registered with DHS (Individuals or Organizations)

#### **Practice Social Distancing:**

- No self-service buffet style dining is allowed.
- For waiting lines, patrons must stand two arms-length or 6 feet from one another.
- No self-service soda fountain
- No bare-hand contact with ready-to-eat foods
- Persons distributing food must wear food-service-grade gloves.
- No reuse of single service materials.

#### **Types of food allowed for distribution:**

- Pre-packaged non-potentially hazardous foods, like: Potato Chips, Canned Soda, Bottled Water; and Single Serving Cans of food (Tuna, Vienna Sausages, Baked Beans,)
- Commercially prepared and packaged foods, kept at proper temperatures, like – Deli Sandwiches, Boxed meals.
- No undercooked meats
- All foods prepared at HOME or in a FACILITY NOT UNDER INSPECTION are PROHIBITED.
- Whole uncut Fruits and Vegetables are allowed.

#### **What to do about Trash and Liquid wastes:**

- There must be sufficient number of containers to hold all the garbage and refuse, and well disposed after distribution.
- Liquid waste must be disposed in-compliance with applicable law.

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