

## Food Assistance Plus

*During the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis, our community has demonstrated, yet again, how willing people are to help others. Below is a list of all the food assistance programs that we are aware of, and we will continue to update this list as we learn of other offerings.*

[This link takes you to the most up-to-date information.](#)

**No Internet? Call 866-253-5986 (M-F 8:30-4:30)**

volunteers will help you access the information

## [Wayne County Emergency Food Relief Program](#)

The county, in partnership with the Wayne County Community Foundation and the local school districts, created the Wayne County Emergency Food Relief Program (EFRP), to provide groceries to anyone of any age who is in need.

In four weeks of food distributions, the Wayne County Emergency Food Relief Program provided hundreds of bags of groceries, serving more than 1,617 families. The program now transitions to the county Food Pantry Program, which will increase its distribution from once a month to twice a month for the June distributions. Please see below for information

To register, please call The Wayne County Aging Office at Aging Office at 570-253-4262, or [register online](#). Please be prepared with the last four digits of the Social Security numbers and dates of birth for each member of the household.

## [Area Agency on Aging Meals](#)

Take-out meals can be obtained Monday through Friday from 11 am to 1 pm at the center in Honesdale, Hawley and Hamlin. Meals will be delivered to those who are unable to come in for the take-out meals. Home Delivered meals are not affected by the new COVID-19 protocols. Call 570-253-4262.

## [Wayne County Food Pantry – 2x month in June](#)

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## [The Cooperage Project](#)

**1030 Main St, Honesdale PA**

GRAB AND GO LUNCH

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Program is open to all children 18 and younger. Lunch will be served on **MWF** at Damascus Area School, Honesdale High School, Preston Area School, and The Cooperage. The Program is **FREE!** Everyone 18 and under are encouraged to participate.

The small food pantry is no longer available during the lunch program. Family Food Relief Boxes of grocery items and kids' snacks will be distributed on Thursdays on first come-first served basis. Visit the website to register for a relief box.

Donations are accepted at the Cooperage Project most days from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Please call ahead 570-253-2020. Thank you!

## [St. Joseph's Center Baby Pantry](#)

South Blakely St., Dunmore

In these current times they are servicing by appointment only. Please call 570-207-6640. Currently they are not taking clothes donations or distributing clothes. They have non-perishable baby items. Please call for appointment, leave a message if no answer.

The five food pantry sites can be found in Honesdale, Lakeville, Newfoundland, Lakewood, and Damascus. If you are interested in becoming involved with the food pantry or would like further information, please contact us at 570-253-4262.

To practice **social distancing**, we encourage consumers to complete the form by phone rather than at the pantry. To register, applicants must have proof of physical address, such as a current utility bill. No PO Boxes. In addition, applicants should know the names, dates of birth, last four digits of Social Security numbers, and income and ages for all household members.

To ensure **social distancing**, each site is now operating a drive-through food distribution. Pantry consumers will remain in their cars and will not be entering the pantry buildings. If you walk to a pantry, please practice **social distancing** by keeping at least 6 feet of distance between people.

For all pantry consumers, volunteers will place prepared food bags into vehicles or baskets/carts. As an additional safety measure, no pantry consumer will be signing for their food bag or commodity box. This will reduce potential exposure. We will use a practice called *Proxy*. Proxy means a consumer gives permission to a pantry volunteer to sign for them, acknowledging receipt of the food bag/box. Pantry volunteers will ask consumers if they give permission. The volunteer will then sign for the consumer. This practice will remain until May 31, 2020.

For everyone's safety, **if you are sick** please stay home. Consumers can still receive food using the proxy practice - which can be a proxy form provided at the pantry before it is needed or a hand-written note giving permission to a friend or neighbor to pick up their food packages.

The Wayne County Pantry Program distribution sites:

- **DAMASCUS** Open from 1 to 3 PM, the third Thursday of each month  
Damascus Township Building, 60 Conklin Hill Road, Damascus, PA 18415
- **HONESDALE** Open from 10 AM to 1 PM, the second Tuesday of each month.  
Tri-County Beverage (Pantry entrance is behind the Tri County
- **NEWFOUNDLAND** Open from 11 AM to 1 PM, the second Friday of each month.  
Dreher Township Building, 899 Main Street, Newfoundland, PA 18445  
Beverage Bldg.) 214 Willow Avenue, Honesdale, PA 18431
- **LAKEVILLE –** Open from 11 AM to 2 PM, the fourth Thursday of each month  
Paupack Township Building, 25 Daniels Road, Lakeville, PA 18438
- **LAKWOOD –** Open from 12:30 to 2:30 PM, the third Wednesday of each month  
Northern Wayne Health Center, 412 Como Road, Lake Como, PA 18437

**For more information please contact us at 570-253-4262, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

## Honesdale Emergency Food Pantry (HEFP) – (every 3 mos)

The HEFP is a 501 (c)(3) organization, founded in 1982, and runs solely on private donations. The HEFP provides food directly to social service organization and churches. Area agencies include Salvation Army, Wayne County Behavioral Health, Victim Intervention Program, Trehab and more. Families in need should contact these agencies directly for assistance.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT GRAB AND GO LUNCHES

### Western Wayne

The **Western Wayne School District** invites families and care-givers to drive through\* and pick up meals for children under the age of 18.

Lunch and breakfast for the following day will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Children must be present in order for meals to be provided. Please stay in your car and meals will be passed through based on the number of children in the car.

Pick up is available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at:

- Evergreen Elementary Student Drop off area: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Robert D. Wilson Bus Loop: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lunches will include sandwiches, fresh vegetable and/or fruit, milk and a dessert treat. Breakfast bags will include fruit, juice, milk, cereal and assorted cereal bars.

We encourage families to continue to be proactive in reducing the risk of coronavirus by not congregating at the pick-up site once meals have been distributed, continue to wash your hands often, sneeze or cough into a tissue, and stay home if you are sick.

Contact the Western Wayne School District Food Service Department at 570-937-3085 or [mliptak@westernwayne.org](mailto:mliptak@westernwayne.org) if you have questions about this service or if you need to make arrangements for medically necessary meal accommodations.

\*Families who live in Waymart may walk to pick up their meals but are asked not to congregate at the pick-up site.

### Wayne Highlands

Wayne Highlands School District will be continuing to offer the free Grab and Go Breakfast/Lunch Program for the remainder of the State ordered school closure. The Program is open to all children eighteen (18) and younger.

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IF YOU REPRESENT AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK AND WANT TO BE INCLUDED HERE, PLEASE CALL KIM RICKARD AT 570-493-0080 OR YOU CAN SEND AN EMAIL TO [KRICKARD@WAYNECOUNTYPA.GOV](mailto:KRICKARD@WAYNECOUNTYPA.GOV)

Beginning Monday, April 27, 2020 there will be a change in the schedule. Grab and Go Breakfast/Lunch will now be served on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** at Damascus Area School, Honesdale High School, Preston Area School, and The Cooperage Project.

To accommodate the schedule change and to assure that the same number of meals are made available to each child, meals for Tuesday will be distributed at the Monday pick-up and meals for Thursday will be distributed at the Wednesday pick-up.

Please see the locations below.

- Damascus Area School, 174 High School Road, Damascus
- Honesdale High School, 459 Terrace Street, Honesdale
- Preston Area School, 1493 Crosstown Highway, Lakewood
- The Cooperage Project, 1030 Main Street, Honesdale

GRAB AND GO LUNCH from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact Superintendent Gregory Frigoletto at 570-253-4661 or Food Service Director Ryne Spaulding at 570-253-6083.

### [Forest City Regional](#)

The Forest City Regional School District will be closed and all school activities will be cancelled. The Grab and Go program is available to ALL children in the district ages eighteen and under. Each distribution takes place on **TUESDAYS** will provide enough food for five days of breakfast and lunch for each child in the home. Distribution locations are:

- Forest City Regional Elementary School (traffic circle for drive-by pick-up)
- Union Dale Methodist Church, 2839 State Route 2067, Union Dale
- Pleasant Mount Social Hall: 389 Great Bend Turnpike, Pleasant Mount

If you need food but are unable to participate in the food distribution as scheduled, please call Superintendent Jessica Acquilina at 570-785-2403. Please contact me if you have any questions.

### [Wallenpaupack Area School District](#)

Wallenpaupack Area School District will begin offering a free grab and go breakfast and lunch program FOR ALL STUDENTS, between 11:00 am - 1:00 pm on MWF beginning May 4th.

The student(s) will need to be present for the pickup of meals.

Students can pick up breakfast and lunch at the following locations:

- Wallenpaupack High School (gym foyer - Door 25)
- Wallenpaupack South Elementary (Cafeteria - door by parking lot)
- Blooming Grove Baptist Church, 550 Route 402, Blooming Grove

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- Central Fire Station, 574 Westcolang Road, Hawley.

## [Carbondale Area](#)

Lunches will be available at our grab & go station at the HS Courtyard from 11:30 AM - 1 PM. Lunch pickup will continue.

## [North Pocono](#)

With school out of session, we want to ensure that all of our students have access to meals. The government has temporarily extended “free lunch” status to all students K-12. The district will be providing bagged meals for all North Pocono enrolled students.

You may choose to pick up at either North Pocono Intermediate School or Jefferson Elementary Center from 7 AM to 12 noon Monday through Friday. At Jefferson Elementary Center, you should enter the building’s main entrance...meal pickup will be in the lobby. At North Pocono Intermediate, from the main parking lot, you should enter the cafeteria through the red doors near the back of the parking lot...pickup will be just inside.

If anyone in need of meals has difficulty reaching one of the pickup locations, please contact us via E-mail at [lunchpickup@npsd.org](mailto:lunchpickup@npsd.org) or via voicemail at (570) 842-1702. Please leave your name, your child’s name, your address, and a brief description of the problem.

## **Wayne County Faith-Based Community**

The [Honesdale Salvation Army Service Extension](#) continues to support Wayne County residents through a series of Food Distributions. Food will be distributed - first come, first served:

Weekly distributions will be held on Tuesdays:

- 12 to 3 pm at Camp Ladore, 287 Owego Turnpike, Waymart PA 18472. To pre-register for weekly distribution, please email [shelley.mihalik@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:shelley.mihalik@use.salvationarmy.org) or call **570-352-3435**
- 1 to 1:30 pm at Newfoundland Area Public Library, 954 Main Street, Newfoundland PA 18445. To pre-register for weekly distribution, please email [napl@waynelibraries.org](mailto:napl@waynelibraries.org), call **570-470-9498** or direct message the Newfoundland Library on Facebook.
- Forest City Office distribution is held each Thursday from 12:30pm – 4:00pm. Individuals must pre-register. To pre-register call **570-785-4352**. You will not receive a return call unless requested.

Please include name, address, phone number, # children (0 -17), # adults (18-59), and # seniors (60 & above).

**Grace Episcopal Church 827 Church St., Honesdale PA** will have a full bag lunch available every Saturday 11:00-11:30 am, except for the second Saturday when it will be held at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 107 Seventh St. in Honesdale. Donations of non-perishable and non-outdated food can be dropped off at 210 Ninth St Honesdale PA. Please leave on the porch. Also connect to them via [www.gracechurchhonesdale.org](http://www.gracechurchhonesdale.org)

**St. John’s Catholic Church, Honesdale PA** will work with families in need when possible. Please call 570-253-4561 for more information. St Vincent’s DePaul Outreach services can be contacted through this number as well. Please leave a message with your family’s specific needs during this time. [www.honesdalecatholic.com](http://www.honesdalecatholic.com)

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**Hawley United Methodist Church, 315 Church St. Hawley PA** – There will continue to be a pick up only food pantry on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month between 11:30 -12:30. Please call the office directly, not only for food assistance but also for other needs. Leave a message if no one answers 570-226-3875 or connect through their website [www.hawleyumc.com](http://www.hawleyumc.com). Office hours will continue on a by appointment only Mon-Friday 8:00 am thru 3:30 PM.

**St Thomas Moore, Lake Ariel PA** - will offer a grab and go food pantry every Wednesday from 9:30 – 11:00 am in the parking lot of the Father Scott Parish Center in Lake Ariel. Donations of non-perishable and non-outdated food are accepted for this pantry. Please call Father Stavoy at 570-698-5584 to either drop off items or if your family has specific needs during this COVID-19 outbreak time. Leave a message if no answer or connect through their website [www.stthomas-stmary.com](http://www.stthomas-stmary.com)

**Hamlin Assembly of God – 613 Easton Tpk., Lake Ariel, PA** Every fourth Monday (\*except when holidays fall on this Monday) from 6:00pm - 7:30 pm, we will be giving out free food to those in need. Our local families are eligible -- please come prepared to show proof of residency/driver's license for the following areas: Greentown, Hamlin, Lake Ariel/Jefferson Twp., Moscow/Madisonville, Hawley, Honesdale, Lakeville, South Canaan, Sterling, Waymart.

Next one scheduled for\* **Friday May 29, 2020 (NOTE DIFFERENT DAY DUE TO HOLIDAY)**. If the schedule changes we will update this information. Or please call 570-689-2630 and leave a message or connect through their website [www.hamlinag.com](http://www.hamlinag.com)

**Beach Lake Free Methodist – 107 Milanville Rd, Beach Lake PA** – Please contact the office directly at 570-729-7544 or via email [info@beachlakefmc.org](mailto:info@beachlakefmc.org) to inquire about offerings for the Wayne County Community.

**Grace Ridge Church, Terrace St., Honesdale PA** – Please contact the office directly at 570-253-5451, email: [Grchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:Grchurchoffice@gmail.com) or visit the website [www.Graceridgechurch.com/rise-up/](http://www.Graceridgechurch.com/rise-up/) to inquire how they may be able to help your family during this time.

**St Paul's Community Food Pantry, 405 Church St., Hawley PA** – Open Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Patrons are provided with non-perishable food for three meals. Please reach out to [spelc@ptd.net](mailto:spelc@ptd.net) for additional information or questions.

**Salem Community Church Food Pantry** – Please call either 570-604-2661 or 570-351-5103 and leave a message and someone from the pantry will contact you.