

HOUSING FOR HEALTH

*ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY IN THE TIME OF A PANDEMIC,
ONE PERSON AT A TIME*

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OVERVIEW OF HOUSING FOR HEALTH'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Quarantine/Isolation (QI) sites
- Testing for sheltered and unsheltered population
- Telemedicine
- Technical Assistance (TA) and Webinars
- Trainings
- PPE distribution
- Food distribution

FOOD DISTRIBUTION



In April 2020, we partnered with World Central Kitchen to provide fresh and healthy meals during a time when funding for food was not available for a coordinated response, grocery stores had food shortages, and there was uncertainty for people who needed to self-isolate or shelter in place.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We worked with volunteers in each service planning area to set up food distribution sites in all 8 service planning areas, and were able to distribute the following meals beginning April 30th:

- 118,543 meals have been distributed to individuals in permanent supportive housing
- 4,204 pantry boxes (with one week's supply of food for a family of four) were distributed to families in permanent supportive housing
- Over 600,000 individual meals were distributed via LA County outreach teams, to people on the streets and in encampments, who are experiencing homelessness. Program is funded through December 2020 .

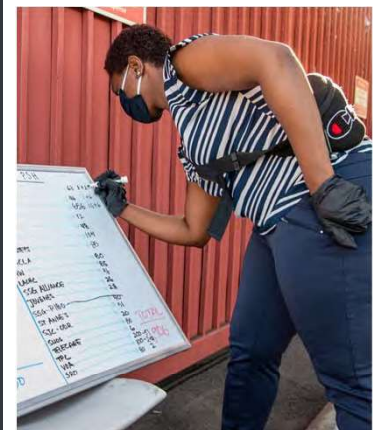
These meals were instrumental in assisting individuals and families with sheltering in place, thereby, doing their part to flatten the curve.

Outreach Food Distribution



- 48,000+ unhoused people
- Stores & supplies limited (including food programs)
- COVID education needed
- COVID testing & wellness checks
- Sheltering in place
- Stop the spread

- And of course:
- Feeding hungry people
- Building relationships for next steps



Countywide MDT Wellness & COVID Testing

(through 10.27.2020)

- 14-16 COVID Response Teams (CRTs) added to MDTs
- COVID-tested over 11,500 individuals on our streets
- In over 1532 unique encampments (151+s/1.3% + rate)
- 20,342 COVID-related services provided on the streets
- 3264 individuals placed in COVID Interim Housing
- 349 individuals placed in Quarantine & Isolation
- Seven day a week wellness checks
- Food and services for sheltering in place

