



NEWSLETTER

Important Updates May 7, 2020

Message From The Director

While the shelter-in-place order will have our Head Start and Senior Centers closed through May 30th, the Human Services team continues to provide services and critically needed basic supplies to our clients and constituents. Seniors, families with young children and homeless neighbors are receiving prepared meals, grocery bags, educational supplies, diapers, masks and hand sanitizer. Outreach teams are in the community carrying critical public health messaging about safety and resources. We are serving over 15, 000 meals per week and expanding. Client services for preschoolers to vulnerable seniors continue with bi-weekly phone check ins. Non-profit grants continue to flow to ensure our community partners can do their critical work during this time of deep need. We are also focusing on recovery and how we will safely re-open our programs and augment the mental health, financial, and support services our community will need to thrive. We are here for you, please reach out if you need support. —*Sara Bedford*

**CITY OF
OAKLAND**
**HUMAN
SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**
Helping our City grow strong!

**Shelter-In-Place
Extended Through
May 31, 2020**

Find out more on the [City of Oakland's COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

Oakland Counts! Don't forget to complete the [2020 Census](#)

Supporting Our Seniors

Downtown Oakland and North Oakland Senior Centers in coordination with Spectrum Community Services are providing drive-by prepared meals for Seniors, soon to include groceries from Mandela Market Place. The East Oakland Senior Center and Alameda County Food Bank continue to provide weekly brown bags up to 500 bags every Wednesday morning.

Meals-on-Wheels has expanded home delivery for our most vulnerable seniors, including MSSP and Senior Center participants and funded with a grant from Oakland's COVID Relief Fund. For more information on any of these resources call 510-238-6137 or check the City Website www.oaklandca.gov for expanded food options.

Providing Resources for Unsheltered Residents

Our work for the homeless community is focused on health and hygiene, safe distancing in existing programs, and expanding shelter and isolation opportunities. In partnership with World Central Kitchen, 5,300 meals each week are delivered to encampments, shelters, and housing facilities with vulnerable residents. On May 6, the City opened a 67-trailer, double-occupancy and respite program for homeless Oakland residents who are most at-risk. Next month, HSD will launch a family shelter in Emeryville to serve 20-25 families.

The City is also partnering with Alameda County on supporting the launch of a variety of hotels to serve our homeless neighbors to provide appropriate treatment and isolation for the most vulnerable.

Support Our Community By Getting Involved

Starting in June, the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will provide free meals to all youth up to 18 years of age and all adults with disabilities enrolled in a school program. The program will deliver meals to City recreation centers, libraries and community sites throughout the summer. If interested, please call 510-615-5786.

You can support the City of Oakland's food distribution efforts by volunteering [here](#) and check out the [COVID-19 Relief Support Fund](#) to help non-profit organizations and our agencies in our community.

Distributing Food & Diapers To Head Start Families

- ◇ 750 Families served, that includes extending distribution to our Delegate and Partner agencies.
- ◇ 450 Families receive diapers and educational materials in conjunction with food boxes.
- ◇ Staff are reaching out to families regularly to check-in, provide support, and connect families to other community resources.

Please call 510-238-3165 for more information



Resources for COVID-19 Testing & Health Care

All Oakland residents are able to be tested for Covid-19 for free at testing sites in Oakland including walk up sites. Follow this link for more information www.oaklandca.gov/services/covid-19-testing

Here is a list of sites offering [testing for COVID-19](#) from Alameda County's Public Health Department, and a map of food distribution sites.

Medi-Cal applications are currently being accepted without proof of income documentation during the COVID-19 crisis. For more information, call (800) 541 - 5555 or visit www.medical.ca.gov/

Contact Information For Human Services

**Alameda County Oakland
Community Action Partnership**
510-238-2362

**Community Housing
& Homelessness**
510-238-6187

Fiscal Office
510-238-6796

Head Start
510-238-3165

Human Resources
510-238-7242

Oakland Unite
510-238-2374

**Oakland Fund
For Children & Youth**
510-238-7163

Senior Services
510-238-6137

Sugar Sweetened Beverage
510-238-7163

Financial Assistance

FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE "CARES ACT"
<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares>

\$1,200 (if single/\$2,400 if married filing jointly) PLUS \$500 for each child under the age of 17

IRS DIRECT DEPOSIT
www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments

ALAMEDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES
www.alamedasocialservices.org/public/index.cfm

CalWORKS, CalFRESH, General Assistance, Medi-CAL Call Eastmont Self-Sufficiency Center (510) 383-5300 or visit www.mybenefitscalwin.org/