

August 2021

Food Bank Closings

September 6– Labor Day

Quotable

**THE FUTURE
 BELONGS TO
 THOSE WHO
 BELIEVE IN THE
 BEAUTY OF
 THEIR DREAMS.**

-ELEANOR
 ROOSEVELT

Fresh Rescue Partners

Currently over 160 NH Food Bank member programs are partnered with one or more retail store in our Fresh Rescue program. If you are one of those agencies, this month you will receive an emailed survey asking you to confirm the stores where you receive weekly donations as well as the schedule. We will also use this survey to gather more information about your partnership with these stores and to update our own records with all the changes that have taken place during this last year. Please keep an eye out for that survey soon.

Additionally, we want to remind you that if you are currently picking up from any store and find that you are experiencing a problem with your donations, we want to know! Let us know if you are currently receiving items that are expired, thawed, spoiled or of bad quality. We are currently working with stores to discuss donation processes and want to be sure that what you are getting is quality product for your clients.

A Note From Agency Relations

Once again this year, the NH Food Bank will be offering Thanksgiving turkeys to our partnering agencies. New this year, agencies will also have the option to order vouchers which can be given to your clients for them to redeem at their local grocer. Requests for turkeys and vouchers will take place starting in September this year so that we have time to know how many vouchers will be needed. Keep an eye out for more information about these options in the September bulletin.

~Jocelyn, Kristie, Stacey, Christy and Natalie

SAFE Food Handling classes

You may have seen the email that went out in July regarding SAFE Food Handling classes. These classes are offered in partnership with instructors from UNH Cooperative Extension. The instructors of this online course have decided to now offer 2 different courses with specific intentions at each one.

- The first option is a course intended for Food Pantries and programs that distribute dry goods and non-cooked food.
- The second option is a course intended for Soup Kitchen, Shelters, Group Homes or any program that makes and distributes prepared meals.

These distinct classes will allow instructors to focus on topics and practices that are specific to each type of programs and allow for the best content to be provided relative to your program.

Upcoming dates for both sessions are listed on page 2 of this bulletin.

Contact Jocelyn at 603-669-9725 ext. 1136 or at jcheney@nhfoodbank.org to sign up for any session.



SAFE
 Safety Awareness in the Food Environment
 A UNH Extension Program

NH Eats Local

August is NH Eats Local Month. This is a time to celebrate, encourage and appreciate local NH foods, farmers, cooking, and dining. As a part of the NH Eats Local celebration, the NH Food Alliance is holding a photo contest with weekly themes and prizes. You have the opportunity to submit your photos via Facebook and Instagram for a chance to win a local prize, donated by one of the NH Eats Local Partners!



Please visit www.NHeatslocal.com.nh-eats-local-month for weekly themes, contest rules and more information.

We encourage you to participate whether as a team or as an individual. If you currently take part in the NH Feeding NH grant this can be a great opportunity to document fresh items from local farmers too.

If you participate, be sure to use the #NHFoodBank tag in your post, and be sure to tag #NHFeedingNH if you are participating in that as well.

Annual Agency Visits

Our Agency Relations Coordinators (Christy, Natalie and Stacey) are actively back on the road meeting with your programs and performing annual visit inspections. We wanted to issue a few reminders to you about inspections and what our Coordinators are looking for as you prepare for our upcoming visit.

- All food must be stored off the floor and away from chemicals and cleaning supplies. All dry storage must be on shelving that is metal, plastic or painted wood. Anything placed on pallets must be stored in plastic or glass bins that are waterproof.
- NH Food Bank food is for feeding our neighbors in need, and is to be distributed at no cost to your clients. Fees for food are not permitted.
- At least once a week, all refrigerators and freezers should be checked for proper temperatures and logged in any way of your choosing. This ensures that food is kept at proper temperatures and that your equipment is running safely and accurately. Our Coordinators have thermometers with them at visits should you need one.
- Food must be distributed in original packaging which includes ingredients lists. Packages may not be opened and distributed in pieces aside from produce.

Monthly Spotlight



The Bank of NH volunteers are happy and ready to help, rain or shine!



As of April 2021, Bank Of NH has generously partnered with the NH Food Bank to sponsor weekly Mobile Food Pantry distributions around the state. So far (April-July) Bank of NH has sponsored 17 distributions covering all 10 counties. Collectively, these food distributions have provided over 370,000 lbs. of fresh food and shelf-stable food items to over 4,750 families.

“We are truly grateful to Bank of NH for their very generous year long support of weekly Mobile Food Pantries in communities throughout NH.” said NHFB Executive Director Eileen Groll Liponis.

Bank of NH volunteers and staff have been able to join us at several distributions. We look forward to this continued weekly sponsorship through Spring of 2022.



700 EAST INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE
MANCHESTER, NH 03109

What's Cookin'

August 2021

Current Resident or

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
MANCHESTER, NH
PERMIT NO. 37



Safe Food Handling

All Agencies are **required** to have at least one representative attend a Safe Food Handling Class. Your Program Director/Coordinator must submit a written request, with the names of attendees to: jcheney@nhfoodbank.org

Upcoming Classes

Online “Zoom” session:

For Food Pantries:

Thursday, August 12th @9am

For Soup Kitchens & Prepared Meals

Tuesday, August 31st @1:30pm

Thursday, September 16th @9am

WELCOME New Agencies

New Shopper Orientation

Your Program Director/Coordinator must submit in writing, the names of any shoppers to be added or removed for your agency to: jcheney@nhfoodbank.org

Upcoming Classes

Online “Zoom” session:

Tuesday, August 17th @10am

Wednesday, September 15th @10am