

July 2022

Food Bank Closings

Monday, July 4– Independence Day

Quotable



Bulletin Update

You will notice a change to this month's bulletin - it's only 1 page!. If needed, some future editions may be 2 pages. We hope that keeping everything on 1 page and more concise will make it easier to read and allow for us to focus on the content most important to our agencies.

Upcoming Classes

All sessions are held online using Zoom.

To enroll in an upcoming session, please contact jcheney@nhfoodbank.org.

Safe Food Handling

All programs are required to have at least one active person at their facility that is Safe Food Handling certified.

For Food Pantries:

Thursday, July 14th @9:30am

For Soup Kitchens & Prepared Meals:

Summer dates TBD

New Shopper Orientation

Tuesday, July 10th @10am

Wednesday, August 17th @10am

New NHFB Agencies

(No new agencies for June 2022.)



NH Food Bank is a Feeding America member food bank and a program of Catholic Charities NH.

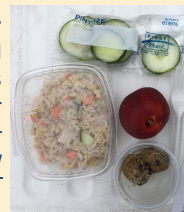
USDA Grant

This past month, the NH Food Bank received a \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support efforts to provide those in need with access to locally grown fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy. Part of these funds will be used to support the agencies participating in the NH Feeding NH program. Additional funds will be used for bulk purchases of fresh product from NH farmers. Those items will then be available to all agencies when ordering on Agency Express. The Agency Relations team is excited to be able to offer more fresh foods for you and your clients as well as supporting local NH farms.

The NH Food Bank press release for this grant is attached with this emailed bulletin.

Summer Meals

The "Summer Food Service Program" has begun distributing weekday meals in 6 locations around the state. To see if your town is included in the list or for more information, visit <https://nhfoodbank.org/what-we-do/summer-food-service-program/>.



Granite State Market Match

The summer season has begun, and that means produce will be plentiful, and many farmers' markets are now open. Across the state there are many SNAP/EBT and Granite State Market Match/Double Up Food Bucks acceptance sites. New sites including farmers' markets, farms, CSAs, and independent grocers are starting to administer the program every month. Granite State Market Match and Double Up Food Bucks give SNAP shoppers 50% off fresh fruits and vegetables when they use their EBT card at a participating site.



To find the most recent listing of participating sites, see the attached flier or go www.granitestatemarketmatch.org.

NHFB Employee Spotlight



If you pick up your orders at the NHFB warehouse in Manchester, you probably know Lori. For the past 8 years, Lori has been a part of the NHFB team. She started as a volunteer and then applied to be a receptionist here. For the past 3 years, she has been working in the warehouse to prepare and stage orders for our agencies. Lori says she enjoys working directly with the agencies, feels gratification in helping get orders out to the agencies and enjoys getting to know everyone face-to-face. She said "I appreciate what the agencies do and feel like we are a team in some way. I feel like I help them get the food to their clients, even though I am not working right at their pantry or building."

One Last Note From The Agency Relations Team

* Second quarter QSR's are now available and have been emailed to you. If you did not receive it, please contact our team. The QSR is due **July 31st**.

* The full Agency Relations team will be attending the Feeding America conference in Philadelphia during the 2nd week of August. During that week, we will still be available by email intermittently throughout the day, but will not be available by phone. Please plan accordingly. We will provide another reminder closer to that date.