

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE COVID-19 PURCHASE & DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD

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Due to the impact of the pandemic, there may be areas where it will be necessary to provide food to meet the immediate needs of those who do not have access to food as a result of COVID-19 and to protect the public from the spread of the virus. FEMA released Policy FP 104-010-03, outlining the framework, policies, and eligibility requirements for the purchase and distribution of food in response to COVID-19. The complete policy can be found [here](#).

This policy states that in order for the purchase and distribution of food be eligible it must:

1. Be the legal responsibility of the eligible applicant.
2. Be necessary as an emergency protective measure. This includes:
 - a. Purchasing, packaging, and/or preparing food, including food commodities, fresh foods, shelf-stable food products, and prepared meals;
 - b. Delivering food, including hot and cold meals if necessary, to distribution points and/or individuals, when conditions constitute a level of severity that food is not easily accessible for purchase; and
 - c. Leasing distribution and storage space, vehicles, and necessary equipment.
3. Be necessary, reasonably cost, and follow applicable cost principles and procurement requirements.

Indicators that may demonstrate the need for the purchase and distribution of food include:

1. Reduced mobility of people in need due to government-imposed restrictions, including “stay-at-home” orders, which prevent certain populations from accessing food;
2. Marked increase or atypical demand for feeding resources; or
3. Disruptions to the typical food supply chain within a given jurisdiction.

Examples of populations in a community that may need the provision of food as a lifesaving and life-sustaining commodity may include:

1. Those who test positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19, but who do not require hospitalization;
2. High-risk individuals, such as people over 65 or with certain underlying health conditions; and
3. Other populations based on the direction or guidance of the appropriate public health official.

FEMA may provide funding for an initial 30-day time period. A 30-day time extension may be requested with documentation showing the continued need. However, work may not exceed the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Additional DEM Bulletins, FEMA Fact Sheets, and additional recovery resources can be found on the DEM Website at <https://dem.nv.gov/COVID-19/home/>

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