



LFCC COVID-19 Response

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Loaves and Fishes is on the front lines. As an "essential provider," Loaves and Fishes has remained open and is serving meals to the community. The reality is, Loaves and Fishes provides food to the most vulnerable in our community; without our services many will not be able to feed themselves or their families. Loaves and Fishes is committed to the health and safety of all of our guests, staff, volunteers and partner agencies.

As of Monday, March 16, all four dining rooms are serving meals in "to-go" containers out the front door and filling grocery bags with food from the food pantries. We are serving approximately 2500 meals a week in this manner. Also, we also continue to deliver meals to our partner agency, Trinity Center in Walnut Creek.

By remaining open and serving under these challenges, we are incurring unexpected costs related to the "to-go" containers and food that can be served in this manner. Additionally, with the cancellation of 2 major fund raising events scheduled for April and June of 2020, we are projecting a deficit of \$95,000.

No one knows how COVID-19 will affect everyone going forward. What we do anticipate is that more people will be in need of our services than before this pandemic. No one should go hungry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please consider helping Loaves and Fishes during this critical time. Our mission relies on the community to come together and be socially engaged, even as we are instructed to not "socially gather." We're asking our donors, like you, to consider donating an extra gift to Loaves and Fishes. Please consider making a donation, www.loavesfishescc.org.

If now is not a good time for you and your family, we understand. You may be able to help us later, volunteer now or just spread the word about the good work Loaves is doing in your community.

Thank you for your support,
Joleen Lafayette
Executive Director
Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa