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## **9,000 free meals a week available to Aurora residents through mobile food pantry starting May 20**

AURORA, Colo. – The city of Aurora Community Relations Division, in partnership with Aurora Interfaith Community Services, will be distributing 1,000 free boxes of food (enough for about 9,000 meals) every week May 20 through Aug. 26 at various locations throughout the city. This mobile food pantry program is part of the city’s continuous efforts to provide needed services to the community in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

“Access to food is one of the top three concerns our community identified in a recent survey completed by my team for the city of Aurora,” said Claudine McDonald, Manager of Community Relations. “The idea really started out small, a truck and some volunteers, and grew into a massive mobile food pantry where we will be helping to feed 1,000 families per week in Aurora. I’m thankful that our team is able to be a part of this effort and provide essential support at this stage of our recovery.”

Photo ID or other proof of Aurora residency is required. All Aurora households are eligible, and emergency food kits are also available for those experiencing homelessness.

“The Aurora Interfaith Community Services community is thrilled to have entered into a partnership with the city of Aurora to ensure the needs of residents are being met during this difficult time,” said Christina Stimson, Executive Director of Aurora Interfaith Community Services.

The first event will be Wednesday, May 20, at Aurora Central High School, 11700 E. 11th Ave., with the next occurring Wednesday, May 27, at Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road. Distribution will begin at 10 a.m. each day and last until 1 p.m., or until all food has been distributed.

If you are driving to the mobile food pantry, remain in your car and wait your turn in line; do not park and leave your vehicle. If you are walking, please remember to practice social distancing while waiting your turn and wear a face covering.

Additional dates for the mobile food pantry will continue through the summer. Location details will be announced soon at [AuroraGov.org/MobileFoodPantry](http://AuroraGov.org/MobileFoodPantry).

For more information, call 720.557.6444.

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