

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 31, 2020

Contact: Buddy Edwards (254-753-4593, ext. 205)

300 South 15th St.
Waco, TX 76701
254-753-4593



To provide urgent
support to people in
need in our community

Caritas Food Pantry Distribution Hours

Starting on Wednesday, April 1st, Caritas of Waco Food Pantry, located at 300 South 15th Street will distribute food Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. (previously food was distributed in the afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.). This change will allow additional time to bag food items and otherwise make preparations for food distribution that is required to most effectively serve people in need.

Families may receive food assistance once a month with the exception of the homeless population who may be served once a week (such individuals cannot store food and have limited access to cooking facilities).

Because the food distribution is outdoors, it may be suspended during periods of rain. Individuals are encouraged to call Caritas at 254-753-4593 before coming if the weather conditions appear to make food distribution questionable.

Food recipients must line up their vehicles along the Mary Street side of the Caritas building (watch for cones that will outline the path to be followed). Those wanting to go through the drive-through should approach Caritas using Mary Ave. between S. 16th and S. 15th Streets.

Recipients must remain in their vehicles at all times unless otherwise directed. Caritas staff, using social distancing methods, will come to each vehicle, will register the occupants to receive food and will then place food items in the trunk of a car or bed of a truck. Food will not be placed in the cab of the vehicle. Recipients must empty their trunks and/or truck beds prior to coming to Caritas. Those who have not emptied them will be asked to exit the line and return at a later time when the trunk/bed has been cleared.

Individuals who are homeless or who have no vehicle will be served by Caritas staff who are stationed adjacent to the drive through area.

Food provided by Caritas is intended for use by individuals facing ongoing food insecurity, including food insecurity intensified by the current pandemic situation. Caritas food is not intended to be for those who are seeking alternatives for finding items that are temporarily out of stock at a local grocery store.

For more information on Caritas of Waco or how you can support its community efforts, please visit www.caritas-waco.org or call 254-753-4593.