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To provide urgent  
support to people in  
need in our community

### Caritas Food Pantry Distribution to be Monday Through Thursday

Caritas of Waco Food Pantry, located at 300 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Waco, is temporarily moving to a Monday-Thursday operating schedule. The organization will continue to distribute food using a "drive-through" system from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., but will not be open on Friday starting March 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Caritas guidelines for receiving food have not changed. 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. 16<sup>th</sup> and S. 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Food provided by Caritas is intended for use by those 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](http://www.caritas-waco.org) or call 254-753-4593.