

 **UPCOMING CLOSURES**

The Food Depository will be closed:

AUGUST 20	SEPTEMBER 7	SEPTEMBER 24
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No Food Depository deliveries will be made on the dates above. If any of our closures affect your regular delivery schedule, we will send separate communication to the primary contact we have listed in our system with the rescheduled dates provided by our transportation team. Please reply to that communication indicating whether the rescheduled delivery date is needed or not.

If our closures above affect your ordering window, please remember to omit those dates from your ordering window. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Partner Services team at partnerservices@gcfd.org or 773-247-FOOD (3663).

 SUMMER MEALS AND SUMMER EBT

The Summer Food Service Program is providing free meals to children under 18 when school is out for the summer. Meals and snacks are served free at participating program sites. Sites may be located in a variety of settings, including schools, parks, community centers, camps, libraries, apartment complexes, or churches. Encourage neighbors to visit [WeGotYouIllinois.org/summer-meals](https://wegotheyoullinois.org/summer-meals) and use the "site finder" to locate a summer meal site near them.

We are also encouraging SNAP eligible families to check for automatic enrollment into Summer EBT benefits (also known as Sun Bucks). Many families are unaware that they are automatically enrolled to receive these benefits. Apply or check eligibility for SEBT at abe.illinois.gov.

 TRAINING AND COMPLIANCE

Thank you to all partners who attended a training on USDA/TEFAP compliance. Trainings covered key program updates, compliance expectations, and important reminders to support successful program operations in the upcoming fiscal year.

If you have not completed a training, please contact your Partner Relationship Manager. If you have completed the training and are looking for relevant materials, [visit the Partner Portal Resources page](#) and check the box labeled "USDA Agencies Only". Please contact Abraham Jimenez at ajimenez@gcfd.org for more information.



HOLIDAY PROTEINS CORNER

We are looking forward to another successful holiday season starting in November! Please stay tuned to the Partner Bulletin as we roll out news and updates throughout the coming months.



FOOD EXTENSION GUIDE

Have a question on food product dating? What does the label "organic" mean? How long can you store and distribute frozen meat?

[Our Food Extension Guide](#) answers these questions and more. Feel free to share this resource with your guests. We also have a [guide for Salvageable Fruits and Vegetables](#), and the USDA has a [website](#). While we appreciate hearing from you when an item is of questionable quality, please note that donated product can vary. If you are discarding more than 20% of an item received, please report that to our Partner Services team with photos.