



**Wisconsin Food Pantry Conference Call**  
**Hosted by Feeding Wisconsin and TEFAP**  
**Thursday, August 11, 2022**

Notes can be found: [https://feedingwi.org/programs/pantry\\_network\\_engagement.php](https://feedingwi.org/programs/pantry_network_engagement.php)

- 1. Introductions: please type your name, food pantry/organization in the chat**
- 2. Nutrition Benefits and [FoodShare updates](#)**
  - a. Public Health Emergency Order
    - i. PHE has been extended through mid-October 2022.
    - ii. Next major milestone: August 16, 2022, as the federal government has said it will give states at least 60 days' notice before the PHE ends. If the PHE ends in mid-October, many enhanced benefits, including SNAP/FoodShare emergency allotments will end November 30.
  - b. FoodShare Benefit Updates
    - i. Those enrolled in FoodShare, are getting additional FoodShare benefits in August to help during the COVID-19 pandemic. All FoodShare members are getting at least \$95 in additional benefits each month. Some households will get more to bring their benefit amount to the maximum monthly benefit amount for their household size.
    - ii. School P-EBT Updates
      1. All benefits have been issued for the 2021-2022 School Year (as of July 23rd).
    - iii. Pre-6 P-EBT Updates
      1. All benefits have been issued for the 2021-2022 School Year (as of July 9<sup>th</sup>).
    - iv. Summer P-EBT
      1. Issuances on track for 8/20 and 10/29
      2. FNS has started putting out weekly releases sharing how many states have been approved to provide Summer P-EBT benefits – here's the first installment:  
<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/07/08/usda-partners-27-states-and-territories-issue-child-food-benefits>
- 3. TEFAP**
  - a. **Food Flow Data**
    - i. 2022 TEFAP food value is \$17 million dollars, 2/3 of 2021 food value.

- ii. Receiving several small Bonus offers for the fourth quarter.

**b. TEFAP COVID Recommendations**

- i. Previous recommendations still in place - contact the local public health department; be safe and follow guidelines in your local community.
- ii. Review [memo](#) if necessary
- iii. State recommends that you follow safety protocol to keep participants, volunteers, and staff safe.
- iv. Regarding questions from previous calls about the ability of pantries to require vaccination to participate in in-person, indoor pantry distribution, DHS has shared that: **food pantries need to reach out to their local public health department for guidance on vaccination requirements.**

**c. TEFAP Income Eligibility**

- i. DHS has confirmed TEFAP income limits are changing from 300% FPL (increased during the height of Covid) to 200% FPL for food pantries.
- ii. Effective September 1, 2022, new income limit will be 200%, new reporting forms will be used, and requirement for matching pounds reinstated.
- iii. Food pantries should inform their customers of the change in August
- iv. The September start date balanced the need to give customers advance notice of the change with the need to limit service to the most food insecure households in the face of concern over declining food volume and rising demand that could outstrip community resources.

**4. WISCAP - Poverty Matters Conference**

- a. Will be Oct 18-19, 2022, at the Madison Marriott West
- b. The conference agenda will be released soon
- c. More information at <https://www.wiscap.org/povertymatters>

**5. Future Call Topics - Based on Pantry Coordinator Survey**

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| September 2022 | Fresh produce availability/Food Sourcing                            |
| October 2022   | Indoor shopping best practices/Order ahead online ordering pilots   |
| November 2022  | Winding down COVID resources  |
| December 2022  | Educational materials and recipes/Healthy & nutritious food options |
| January 2023   | Fundraising   |
| February 2023  | Culturally appropriate food options                                 |
| March 2023     | Mobile and outdoor pantry best practices                            |
| April 2023     | Food safety   |
| May 2023       | Creating a nutrition policy to guide donations and purchases        |

## 6. Ongoing Monthly Calls in 2022

- a. Will occur the Second Thursday of the month at 11am
- b. You can find more information, including call recordings and meeting notes on the Feeding Wisconsin website:  
[https://feedingwi.org/programs/pantry\\_network\\_engagement.php](https://feedingwi.org/programs/pantry_network_engagement.php)
- c. You can register for the calls to get a calendar invite here:  
[https://secure.everyaction.com/gQfwP1eFGkO-Ri\\_RQ808IQ2](https://secure.everyaction.com/gQfwP1eFGkO-Ri_RQ808IQ2)
- d. NEXT CALL - September 8th at 11am

### Discussion Notes:

#### Questions about TEFAP updates

- DHS will send out a notice to FoodShare clients with specifics about the timing and amount of the drop in benefits as pandemic benefits expire.
- USDA requires that changes in TEFAP eligibility be uniform statewide, so after the eligibility drops down to 200% on September 1, A pantry may not delay implementing it. However, this is only for TEFAP foods, so as long as you can separate USDA items from others, you can provide food for those over the 200% poverty level. Pre-pandemic historic level was 185%. Reduction is in part because of significantly less volume of food available and there is concern about food available for those in most need.
- We are using the 2022 poverty calculation, which is expected to change quite a bit in 2023 due to inflation.
- TEFAP is a matching program. Food pantries are required to provide at least 51% of food from other sources, so that TEFAP is not more than half of outgoing food, as it is meant to supplement.
- If you are receiving TEFAP through Hunger Task Force, and concerned you may not have 51% from other non-TEFAP sources, work with HTF to know what percentage of the food received is TEFAP, as they also include food from other sources and you may be able to reach the 51% needed.

Thank you all for joining the call and for all that you do to support ending hunger in your community.