

OEMC FEEDING TASKFORCE INFORMATION

OEMC has created a feeding Taskforce with over seven different work streams that include youth, homeless shelters, seniors, etc. DFSS sits on the seniors and homeless workstreams.

We are working to transition any senior who has been receiving a box lunch at one of our 21 senior centers to home-delivered meals, specifically, if they will be homebound with no other family or community supports to help them receive food.

New clients we are signing up for home-delivered meals are limited to those who are 60+, vulnerable, and frail, and have no family or community support to assist with their grocery shopping/meal prep.

This program is really for those who are shut-in and most vulnerable. While our vendor has expanded his capacity, there are over 400,000 seniors in Chicago so not every senior will receive a meal or can be accommodated.

Individuals who are able to go to food pantries will be referred to those locations. The Greater Chicago Food Depository, The Salvation Army, and Red Cross also sit on this Taskforce and are able to support feeding needs for Chicagoans.

To sign up, please email the request to: seniormeals@cityofchicago.org.

Subject Line: Senior HDM Meal Request.

Email Body: Client's first and last name, address, phone number, and age.

Someone will call them back to get them assessed. It takes about 20 mins. At the moment, the team is calling over 1800 people.

Please send urgent requests to Brandie Knazze, Brandie.Knazze@cityofchicago.org, with the same info.