

The latest notice from the Atlanta Community Food Bank

Status of Public Assistance Programs

Below is the best information the Atlanta Community Food Bank has about the funding status of federal nutrition programs during the federal government shutdown. You can use these talking points when you get questions from neighbors that may be worried about their ability to get support from these programs as expected. If neighbors need or want additional information suggest they monitor the website and normal communication channels for these programs. We will update this information as needed.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

"The Georgia Department of Human Services has been instructed by the United States Department of Agriculture not to move forward with issuing November SNAP benefits until further notice. Individuals may continue to apply for and enroll in SNAP but they will not receive benefit payments until the shutdown is resolved. Any changes for future months will be communicated to SNAP participants by Georgia DFCS."

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

"The Georgia Department of Public Health has informed us that WIC is funded through at least mid-November. Any changes will be communicated to WIC participants by Georgia DPH."

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

"The CSFP program will operate as normal with no interruption of service to seniors at least through the month of November. Any changes will be communicated by Georgia DHS to the food bank and our network of CSFP partners will be notified."

Child Nutrition Programs

"School breakfast, lunch and after-school meal programs will not be disrupted through November. Any disruption to these programs for future months will be communicated by the appropriate state agency and shared with all programs and participants."

Status of the Food Bank and our Food Pantry Partners

"The Food Bank will continue to operate normally and provide food to our network of partners for distribution in their communities. We are working to find additional resources and food so that we can respond to the potential of increased demand that will come from an interruption in SNAP benefits. If anyone needs additional support during this time please go to our website for more resources: <https://www.acfb.org/get-help/>"