



IMPORTANT UPDATE

SNAP PAYMENTS DELAYED

Because of the ongoing federal government shutdown, SNAP payments (food stamps) are delayed. People will start missing monthly benefits on November 3.

- No new benefits will be added to EBT cards until funding resumes.
- Current balances remain active.
- Back benefits will be issued when payments restart.



What will missing SNAP payments mean for our neighbors?

- **160,000+** people in Allegheny County, including 50,000 children, will not receive their food benefits on time. This could amount to **\$30 million** in November alone that people cannot spend on local groceries.
- Nearly **80%** of SNAP participants live in families with children, seniors or people with disabilities.



This is a time to check on neighbors and connect them to help.



Find Food Resources

NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE?

Find food pantries, meal sites, and community programs near you at:

southwest.pa211.org

Share this link with neighbors, clients, and anyone impacted by the SNAP payment pause.



Other Assistance Programs Are Still Available

Even while SNAP payments are paused, other basic needs programs are still available.

WIC: Nutrition support for pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children under 5. Call 412-350-5801 to schedule your enrollment appointment.

Utility Assistance: Help with heating, water, and electric bills. Contact your utility company to ask about customer assistance programs.

Allegheny Go: Discounted transit fares for Allegheny County residents ages 12-64 who have a household member receiving SNAP benefits. Apply at:

DiscountedFares.AlleghenyCounty.us



How YOU Can Help!

If your organization is providing temporary food assistance, submit your info to the food calendar at:
southwest.pa211.org

Donate to Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank which channels donations to local food pantries.

Share these messages to help neighbors stay informed.