

ARLINGTON FOOD ASSISTANCE CENTER IMPACT OF COVID-19

Comparing five months before and after start of pandemic

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Active Referrals

A referral to AFAC is issued by a social worker from an approved community partner after conducting a full needs assessment and determining a family in need of food assistance. At the end of July, AFAC had **5,256 active referrals** - a record high.

 **45%**

Families Served

5,054 families, consisting of 12,306 individuals, have utilized AFAC's services at least once between March and July 2020. When grocery store shelves were empty at the start of the pandemic, AFAC was the sole source of food for many in our community. Since many low-income jobs have not returned, families are visiting AFAC more frequently for much needed food.


 **33%**

Grocery Store Donations

 **25%** When donations dramatically dropped at the start of the pandemic, AFAC had to purchase more food from our through vendors to make up for the loss of food.

Volunteer Hours

For health & safety reasons, many of AFAC's core volunteers are not able to help. Physical distancing in AFAC's warehouse has reduced the capacity to host large groups of volunteers at one time.

 **30%**



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Our mission is to feed our neighbors in need with dignified access to supplemental groceries.