Operation Feed California

In April 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom launched Operation Feed California, led by California Volunteers, as an unprecedented collaboration between state agencies, nonprofits and individuals to create a statewide volunteer network to support food banks and keep Californians fed. Operation Feed California has quickly become a blueprint for how to engage and activate volunteers to respond to a crisis and help keep their communities safe.

Nearly 1 in 5 Californian households do not know where their next meal is coming from. At the beginning of the pandemic, food banks experienced up to six times the demand. Food banks across the state have been left without the volunteer staff they require to meet this new demand.

Operation Feed California was born out of that need. Since its launch, Operation Feed California has supported 30 food banks in 26 counties across the state. However, food bank demand is still high, and volunteers are essential in meeting those needs.

Learn more about CDPH's safety practices at CaliforniansForAll.ca.gov.

Operation Feed California by the Numbers

Total Meals Processed:
Over 871.0 million

Volunteer Shifts Filled:
Over 296,000

Volunteer Hours Served:
Over 1.8 million

Volunteer Safely

The safety of our volunteers and the communities they serve are our number one priority. You can learn more about CDPH's safety practices at CaliforniansForAll.ca.gov.

Follow our impact: CaliforniaVolunteers.ca.gov/OperationFeedCA