

# FOOD DRIVE BEST PRACTICES DURING COVID-19

## OUR COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR SUCCESS

*Food drives are an indispensable part of our food supply. Thanks to the 2019 Can the Griz efforts we had plenty of supply on hand at the start of the pandemic. This ensured service to those in need without interruption when local store shelves were scarce!*

### **1 HOW WILL YOU ENGAGE PEOPLE IN YOUR DRIVE?**

*Do you/your group feel comfortable interacting with people? If you will be interacting with people, consider how to best engage/transfer supplies in a simple and safe fashion.*

### **2 PRACTICE SAFETY FIRST**

*Ensure that you and your group are comfortable with your collection methods. Always wear a mask, consider wearing gloves when handling money or food items. Ask those that have a temperature or feel unwell to stay home.*

*Please refer to the [Center for Disease Control](#) for specific guidance on gatherings and health assesment.*

### **3 FOCUS ON ITEMS FROM OUR WISHLIST**

*focusing on the food items on our wishlist means less handling when we recieve it, and fewer volunteers needed to sort donations.*

### **4 ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF NEW FOOD ITEMS**

*New food items (as in fresh off the store shelf) mean less people have handled the item and we have a longer window to use it.*

### **5 HOST A FUND DRIVE (VIRTUAL OR IN PERSON)**

*A virtual event significantly reduces the people factor. Financial donations are a large part of our food drives and enable us to buy in volume and limit person to person contact.*

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