

## **Marion County Food Distribution and Other Resources**

### **Knoxville Schools**

KCSD will be providing a sack containing both breakfast and lunch.

- o • All children under 18 years-old are eligible
- o • Monday - Friday 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Beginning on March 23
- o • Pick up is at the high school for KCSD Families.

### **Melcher-Dallas Schools**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11:00am-11:30am

Pick up is on the north side of the High School (drive through to pick up the meals)

Children must be present in the vehicle

### **Pella Community School District**

Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> Pella Community Schools will offer curbside pick-up once per week. This pick up will be on Wednesdays and will include meals for 5 days. Pick up will be from 10:30-11am at Lincoln School and the High School and from 11am-12:30pm at Jefferson Intermediate. To sign up please visit [coronavirus.pellaschools.org](https://coronavirus.pellaschools.org)

### **Twin Cedars School District**

Starting Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, until further notice, Twin Cedars will start serving students lunches on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 11:30am- Noon for any student 18 and under. Pick up locations will be at the Bussey Library, Hamilton City Hall, Tracy Fire Station, Attica Fire Station and Pershing Community Building. **\*\*These lunches will not be charged to your account\*\*** The locations are for Pick-up only. No one will be entering the building. Look for a Twin Cedars vehicle.

### **Pleasantville Community School District**

Starting Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, "grab-and-go" meal services will be provided by the school and will continue through the school shutdown. Meals will be available for pick up from 8:30am-10:30am at the high school commons entrance. These meals are prioritized for Pleasantville students and are available at 1 per person. Students will not stay on site to eat; meals are intended to be taken off campus. The school district will also attempt a meal delivery service for those in need. To request meals be delivered, please complete the following online form at: <https://forms.gle/x9n6WaH4BBbeStcW6> If you are unable to access the meal delivery request form or have trouble with the form for any reason, please contact Amy Fallis in the district office at (515) 848-0555 to request meal delivery.

## **Marion County Food Pantries: Changes with COVID-19**

### **Knoxville:**

Celebrate Church Food Pantry at the Crosswalk Building 810 West Robinson will be open Wednesdays from 1-4 pm. Folks are able to pick up food, there will be curbside parking and someone will be there to deliver.

Panther Pantry at the Knoxville High School - The pantry will remain fully operational during the coming weeks. Beginning March 23rd the pantry will distribute food each Monday: March 23rd, March 30th and April 6th. Distribution times will remain the same: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Families may now come each Monday. Our guidelines to access the pantry have not changed: You must live within the Knoxville Community School District AND have children that either attend school, are home schooled, are of pre-school age or, if you do not live within the district, open enrolled to the school district.

Helping Hands Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-3pm for produce distribution provided by Wal-Mart Feed America Program. Food Days will continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, the next food distribution day will be April 13<sup>th</sup>. A new option will be pick-up of food bags at the back door of the pantry (110 W. Main). Enter the alley (1/2-block south of Main) from First Street and drive westbound. People wanting food must simply tell the volunteer at the door their last name, the number of people in their household, and their zip code. This drive-thru approach is the procedure recommended by Food Bank of Iowa, with which Helping Hands partners for most of its food. Because Coronavirus can be transmitted through hard surfaces, Helping Hands has suspended the collection and distribution of clothing and household items until further notice. Helping Hands will accept donations of hand sanitizer and toilet paper. If you have questions regarding Helping Hands, please call 641-842-6933. Helping Hands is requesting that if anyone has masks they would like to donate to please let know as they would like to distribute to participants.

Riverside Church: Distributing items to those in need. Next distribution day in Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. They will have toilet paper, diapers and meat.

### **Melcher:**

Melcher-Dallas Food Pantry will continue with distribution dates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 4-6pm. The pantry is open to individuals living in the Melcher-Dallas school district and individuals can access one time per month. They will have drive-up/pick-up availability.

**Pella:**

Pella Food Shelf will continue to be open from 8-9:30am and 6:00-7:00pm on Tuesdays to all residents in the Pella School District. They are asking only 1 family member from each household attend. Items will be pre-sacked in three separate bags (One shelf stable, one bread and bakery, and one meat). Participants will drive around the building and items will be loaded in their vehicle.

**Pleasantville:**

Pleasantville Food Pantry will be open the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 1pm for food distribution for families and individuals living in the Pleasantville School District. If individuals are needing food outside of this time frame please call 515-848-3973

The **Knoxville and Pella Well Resource Centers** are still open for client services including support & advocacy, financial assistance, prayer & encouragement, and resource referral. The Knoxville location phone number is 641-205-8603 and the Pella location phone number is 641-621-0164.



**Mental Health Helpline**

**Crossroads of Pella**  
**Licensed Counselor**  
**Free of Charge**

For more information, call  
Jim at 641-629-0019

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**How can we help you?**

Do you need someone to pick up groceries, run some errands, or just someone to talk to?

We have amazing people waiting to help you. Please call us if there is anything we can do to keep you safe and healthy!

**641-628-1212**

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**Other food pantries and resources within the county continue to make changes to best serve and these updates will continue to be gathered and provided in the press releases.**