



100 Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

COVID-19 Emergency Food Strategy

**Minimizing Hunger During the Pandemic
Health Committee Hearing
April 28, 2020**

Core Values Driving COVID-19 Emergency Food Strategy



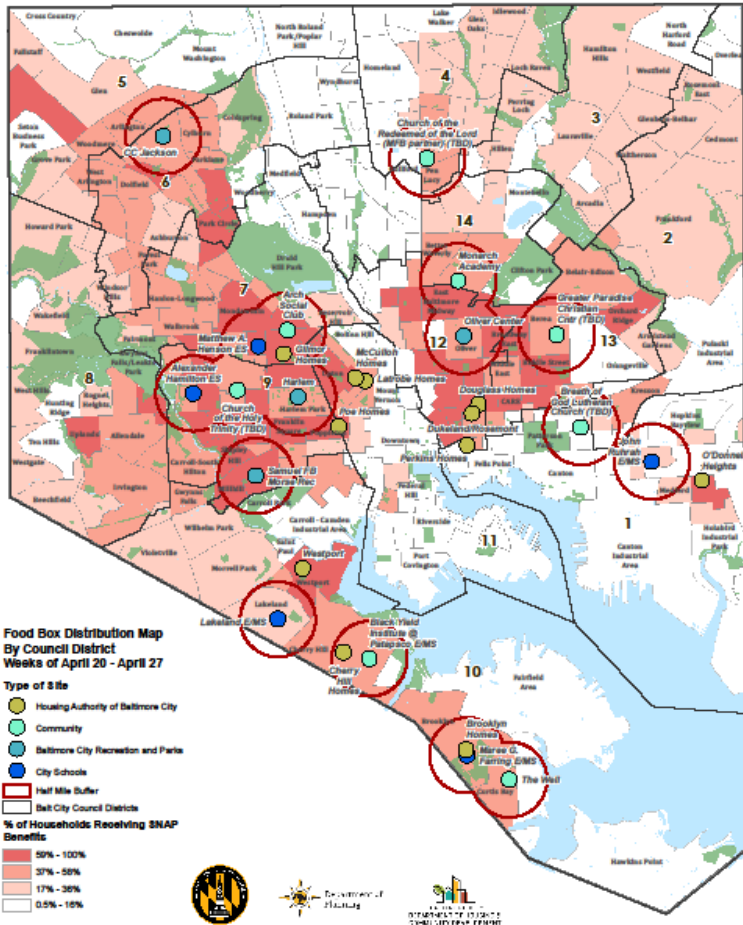
- Scale food assistance to meet need
- Ensure food supplements across age groups, geographic areas
- Offer residents food & grocery choice
- Factor in stay-at-home and social distancing requirements
- Connect with historically underserved residents often overlooked by mass food distribution channels



Meal Distribution Citywide

More than 1.1 million meals

- 110 youth meal sites
 - 42 rec & aquatic centers
 - 29 mobile sites
 - * includes 11 HABC sites
 - 21 community sites
 - 18 schools
- 80 senior residential sites
- 20,000 World Central Kitchen meals @ 10 school sidewalk pantries and weekly Saturday distribution @ the Camden Yards
- 11,893 grocery boxes



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Bernard C. "Jack" Young
Mayor



A two-month view:
Late April - Late June



It's estimated that up to **1 in every 3** Baltimore City residents will need food supplements by June

Our goal:

Minimize hunger in Baltimore during the pandemic

Core components:



MEAL DISTRIBUTION

- Meals for youth and older adults



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- Grocery box assembly/distribution hub
- Community food distribution grants



FOOD RETAIL

- SNAP expansion
- Grocery supplements



URBAN AGRICULTURE

- Urban farm/garden grants

What it will take:

- ✓ A community-driven approach
- ✓ Collective impact: 100s of partners
- ✓ Maximizing city infrastructure
- ✓ An initial \$16 million investment: city, state, federal, private

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Scaling Up

In the first month of its food response the city distributed 700,000 meals + nearly 2,000 grocery boxes to youth and families

From late April through June the city will grow that reach with:

- a projected 2.5 million meals
- 70,000 grocery boxes
- Up to 12,000 grocery supplements



A Multi-Agency Approach



Meal & Grocery Box Distribution

Department of Recreation and Parks | Department of Housing & Community Development | Baltimore City Public Schools | Housing Authority of Baltimore City | Baltimore City Health Department | The Family League of Baltimore | Dozens of community partners

Logistics

Department of Transportation | Department of General Services | Department of Finance

Policy & Analysis

Department of Planning | Office of Performance Management and Innovation | Department of Housing & Community Development

