## **Emporia & Greater Lyon County Food Assistance Resources During COVID-19**

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You can also check out additional and updated emergency relief services at <a href="https://www.emporiastrong.com/emergency-aid">www.emporiastrong.com/emergency-aid</a>

- **Abundant Harvest** (1028 Whittier, Emporia) is typically offering boxed food packages from 6:30 to 9 a.m. on weekdays. Check the Abundant Harvest <u>Facebook page</u> for updates, times, and food availability or call 342-7439.
- The Americus Community Food Pantry (413 Walnut St, Americus) will be open next on <u>Tuesday, September 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.</u> Individuals can pick up pre-packaged food boxes from a cart outside the pantry.
- **Blessing Boxes** (Norton and South Exchange, 1702 West 15th, 710 Commercial in Emporia) are available. Food can be donated and food may be taken out of the 24/7/365 blessing boxes. At times, the boxes may be empty for a period of time; however, boxes may be filled at any given time.
- The Catholic Charities (205 S Lawrence St) mobile resource bus is back in action, visiting Emporia once per month. Catholic Charities, which provides food and other emergency assistance, parks the bus at St. Catherine's Catholic Church from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Currently, it offers a drive-thru service. Dates for the remainder of 2020 include September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9.
- **Corky's Cupboard** (1200 Commercial St, Emporia), Emporia State University's on-campus food pantry, is back in the Center for Student Involvement in the Memorial Union. Food can be picked up on Mondays and Thursdays between noon and 5 p.m.

Students will need to show their ID to get food and menstrual products. There is a limit of one Corky's Cupboard package per week.

- **ECKAN** (East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation; 215 W. 6th Street, Suite 204, Emporia) in Lyon County is currently phone contact only. Call 620-342-4607 to discuss your needs. Food bags can be provided for pick up as needed while supplies are available. ECKAN has a very limited amount of food vouchers available to those who have been directly affected by COVID-19 (job loss, reduction of hours, quarantine, etc.).
- **First Christian Church pantry** (202 East 12th St, Emporia) is open Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. while supplies last.
- **First Congregational Church** (326 W 12th Ave, Emporia) is offering their Community Meal on the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Essentials Pantry is on the third Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. Items for one's home such as cleaning supplies and other sundries are available free of charge. There is a limit of 4 items.
- **First United Methodist Church** pantry (823 Merchant St, Emporia) will be handing out bags of food Thursdays and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon out of the west doors (off of the parking lot).
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church's John & Frances Ice Soup Kitchen & Food
  Pantry (106 Exchange St., Emporia) is open Sundays. This will be a drive-thru service
  only on the north side of the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Pre-packaged food pantry items
  will be available for pick-up Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. There is a limit of one bag per
  household per weekend. To-go meals will be served Sundays at 4 p.m., while supplies
  last.
- The North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc's Friendship Center (221 West Logan Ave., Emporia) is delivering friendship meals to homebound individuals. Must be 60+, homebound and in city limits to qualify. For those outside city limits, a family member could pick up frozen meals once per week. If you believe you might be eligible for this meal delivery program, call 620-340-8001. The Friendship Center is also looking for drivers to deliver meals.
- **The Salvation Army** (327 Constitution, Emporia) is currently operating by appointment by phone at 620-342-3093 and through <u>Facebook Messenger</u>. The Salvation Army is currently helping with food, rent, utilities, clothing, and other financial assistance. Staff will check eligibility and then set up an appointment to pick up food as needed. Curbside service will be provided. As of 3/18, the Salvation Army announced that financial assessments will be waived at this point, but a photo ID and proof of

residence in Lyon County will be required. By 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the Salvation Army will post on Facebook about whether breadline will be offered. If sufficient supplies are available, a drive-thru service will be offered at 2 p.m.