

FOOD ACCESS AND SHOPPING Updated May 8, 2020



FOOD ACCESS

Q. Where can I go to get food? Can I get food delivered?

A. Yes, there are many options for you in DC:

- Starting on Wednesday, May 13, you can order food from Amazon and pay for it with your SNAP benefits. Go to: <http://amazon.com/snap-ebt> to add your SNAP EBT card to Amazon and start shopping. SNAP benefits can only be used for food and not shipping costs. Free shipping on Amazon Prime orders; Amazon orders over \$25; and Amazon Pantry and Amazon Fresh over \$35. SNAP customers get discounts on 365, Happy Belly, and Mama Bear products through August 31, 2020.
- If you need a free bag of groceries delivered, call Bread for the City at 202 265-2400 or complete the request form at breadforthecity.org.
- For residents who are homebound because of COVID-19, call the food access hotline to request delivery of food and other essential items at 1-888-349-8323.
- For information on open grocery store and food locations, as well as DCPS meal sites, go to: coronavirus.dc.gov/food.
- If you get restaurant delivery, the delivery service must disclose any fee and cannot charge more than 15% of the purchase price.



SHOPPING

Q. It seems like so many places are closed. What is still open?

A. All nonessential businesses are closed. Businesses that are considered essential can remain open. Essential businesses include:

- Hospitals, clinics, dentists and medical marijuana dispensaries;
- Grocery stores, supermarkets, licensed farmers' markets, food banks, convenience stores and liquor stores;
- Laundromats, dry cleaners and laundry services;
- Restaurants but only for delivery or carryout;
- Gas stations and auto repair shops;
- Banks and credit unions;
- Shipping and delivery services;
- Taxis, car services and ride-sharing services;
- Housing and living facilities, including hotels but not conference facilities; and
- Public works and utilities.