

COVID Care Food Package Week Twenty-Three

After Action Report (AAR)

Date of Action: December 9, 2020

Event Status

- The event began at 1045 and ended at 1400.
- It was the eleventh event at the Guy Cole Center and Trinity United Methodist Church (TUMC).
- For this event, the Sequim Food Bank was able to provide enough food for 543 families (509 families were fed).
- During this event, we were able to hand out 50 pounds of food to each family to include a dry box and a combo box.
- The event had a heavy initial influx of people, half of the food was given away within the first hour to an hour and a half. During lunch time the line tends to slow down, then an hour before close we received a consistent amount of people.
- We had approximately 50 volunteers on Wednesday, including an awesome group from the Lions Club. They had volunteered for the Holiday distribution and were willing to come back for our normal CPOD operation. They will continue to volunteer with us for the rest of the year.
- Peninsula Behavioral Health has assigned three counselors to the event to assist any families that wish to talk with someone about COVID impacts to their lives. We have set up a booth at the vehicle check-in lot for them to be away from the hustle and bustle of loading food where they can talk before heading over to get food.
- The event had no injuries or incidents.

Communications for the next event on December 23, 2020

- Efforts under way to improve information distribution and content throughout the Sequim Operational Area communities.
- Barbara Hanna, City of Sequim Communications and ECC Public Information Officer, continues to generate social media buzz for the event.
- City of Sequim video is out there for people to see what we are doing and is still generating positive buzz and we will also need the social media pages updated for the move.
- KSQM 91.5 FM continues to broadcast on the radio the official public service information provided to them.

Plans for the December 23, 2020 Operation

- TUMC and Sequim Food Bank volunteers will replace CERTs for the event, but some management team will continue due to the high demand.
- Maintain the level of Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) at the 3-4 level coordinated by Tiffany Banning. These VIPS are being assigned to control traffic for Sequim streets.
- Maintain 44-46 level of volunteers (plus 4 more for management) to handle traffic flow and operate three loading stations. This will require finding more volunteers to support the release of all CERTs.

General Comments

- We continue to prepare for a big influx of people coming into Sequim for the next Family Holiday Meal Distribution. Past years, the December distribution does not see as much

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participation as the one in November. However, due to COVID-19 and the extension of Governor Inslee's restrictions until January, we are preparing to feed up to 1,000 families for the December 18th event.

- Flyers were handed out to every family showing information on a Holiday Bag Distribution that the Sequim Food Bank will be hosting on December 18, 2020 at the north side of Carrie Blake Park by the Water Reuse Site.
- Although the CERTs have stepped aside for other volunteers to take over the operation, Blaine and a handful of CERTs have graciously served past October and will continue to volunteer for the CPOD through the end of December.
- Community was extremely appreciative of this event. This was true of both participants, workers and passersby.