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# Sac County Public Health Launches Countywide Holiday Food Drive

SAC CITY, Iowa — With the holidays approaching and the ongoing federal government shutdown potentially impacting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, many Sac County families are facing increased food insecurity.

To help meet this urgent need, Sac County Health Services, in partnership with local libraries and community organizations, is coordinating a Sac County Food Drive to help restock local food pantries and ensure no one in Sac County goes hungry this holiday season.

## How the Community Can Help

Residents are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items, including:

Canned fruits and vegetables
Peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, pasta, rice
Canned meats and soups (chicken, SPAM, tuna)
Meals in a box
Baby food and formula
Shelf-stable milk

## Thanksgiving Meal Donation Ideas

To help families enjoy a warm, traditional holiday meal, donations of Thanksgiving-related foods are also welcome:

- Boxed stuffing mix
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Gravy packets or canned gravy
- Canned green beans, corn, or sweet potatoes
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Cranberry sauce
- Boxed cornbread or biscuit mix
- Pie filling (pumpkin, apple, cherry)

- Pie crust mix or graham cracker crusts
- Hot chocolate, coffee, or tea
- Jell-O or pudding mix

## Drop-Off Locations

Donations can be dropped off during regular business hours at any of the following locations:

- Sac County Public Health Office – Courthouse Annex, 116 S. State Street, Sac City
- Loring Hospital, Sac City
- Auburn Public Library
- Odebolt Public Library
- Early Public Library
- Lake View Public Library
- Wall Lake Public Library
- Lytton Public Library
- Schaller Public Library

All donations will be distributed to food pantries serving families throughout Sac County.

## A Call to Community

Sac County Health Services encourages everyone to give what they can this season.

“Every can counts. Every act of kindness matters,” said Shelley Vauble, Administrator, Sac County Health Services. “By working together, we can make sure every neighbor in Sac County has food on the table this holiday season.”

For more information, contact Sac County Health Services at 712-662-4785; visit our Facebook page: Sac County Health Services; or website: www.saccountyhealthservices.com