COVID-19 Public Health Action Webinar

Food Access and Food Sustainability in Hawai‘i
Presented by Joell Edwards, Sarah Freeman, Hunter Heavilin, and Lauren Looor
Moderated by Tammy Chase-Brunelle

Wednesday, June 24, 2020
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
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Food Access and Food Sustainability in Hawai‘i Panelists

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Hunter Heavilin
Hawai‘i Food Resilience Program Manager, Food Systems Planner
Setting the table.

Economic insecurity..

Food insecurity

11% of the state (1 in 9) utilized SNAP in FY 2019
Food as Systems..

- Food is not accessible
  - Food is not economically accessible
    - High food prices
    - Significant decrease in net income
    - Food purveyors are not accessible
    - Unable to leave home
  - Food is not physically accessible

- Food is not available
  - Supply chain failure
  - Food bank donation failure
  - Other food assistance organization donation failure
  - Supply chain failure

- Donation failure

- Food is not acceptable
  - Food is medically contraindicated
  - Food is not nutritionally adequate
  - Food is not religiously/culturally appropriate
Setting the table..

We’ve faced food disruptions before..
Setting the table..

So, how is this time different?

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<td>Active response with limited means</td>
<td>Executive &amp; Legislative friction</td>
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<td>Production</td>
<td>Limited skill/area to meaningfully address food gaps</td>
<td>Uncoordinated or tracked</td>
<td>Limited local baseline production.</td>
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<td>Restaurant/hotel points shut down</td>
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<td>Storage Consumption</td>
<td>Very limited 3-14 day recommended reserves</td>
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<td>Relief</td>
<td>No 3-14 day recommended reserves</td>
<td>Delayed CARES distributions. No food response planning?</td>
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State of the Plate..

Numbers vary, but the picture is clear.

Food Insecurity Rate, 2020
Data: Feeding America

17% Kauai
17% Honolulu
27% Kalawao
18% Maui
19% Hawaii

Request by time
Food requests in the last year and prior year
AUW 211 Calls
Setting the table..

$4-6m needed to support food banks through December

Assuming a 50-75% decrease in demand

BUT federal $600/wk for UI ends soon

Data: Hawaii Hunger Action Network
DOH SNAP-Ed Food Access

SNAP-Ed works to improve the likelihood that persons eligible for SNAP will make healthy food choices within a limited budget.
County-level Food Access Coordinators

TBD
Maui Nui Food Alliance
Question 1:

Can you talk about your role and your work before COVID-19 and how this shifted to respond to COVID-19?
Local Food Connector

**Buy Local Food** – a regularly updated list of open farmers markets, CSAs and deliveries, retail outlets, and roadside farm stands offering local food

**Kauai Farmer Connection** – listing of opportunities for farmers, including grants, retail and cold storage spaces available, and other resources

**Kupuna CSA Box & Support Programs** – information on projects to provide local farm CSA boxes and other items to kupuna in need, as well as information on the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

**Keiki Food Access** – DOE keiki feeding sites, keiki food pickups/drive-thrus, and keiki CSA box information

**Emergency Food Resources** – a list of food pantries and feeding programs available to those in need

**Gardening Resources** – links and sources for seeds, soil testing, and much more (*Under Construction*)

**Food Safety** – ensuring local, nutritious food that is safe is all of our jobs, from farmer to consumer. Learn more about what you can do.
Maui, Molokai and Lānaʻi
Question 2:

What are the greatest needs (keiki, kupuna, houseless) and what gaps do you see? Can you talk about what specific partnership were formed in response to this work?
FREE PRODUCE & DAIRY BAGS FROM LOCAL FARMS!

For families in need - 11:30am til pau
Drive-thru - limited supplies!

Mondays: Kilauea Elementary
Tuesday: Kapa'a High School
Wednesday: King Kaumuali‘i Elem.

Thursday: Koloa Elementary
Friday: Kekaha Elementary

Visit MalamaKauai.org's Local Food Connector for info on open farmers markets, farm CSAs & deliveries, food pantries, meal programs, recipes & more!
Maui, Molokai and Lānaʻi
Kau High & Pahala Elementary
- 100% Free and Reduced Lunch
- DOE Grab and Go
- 20% Lunch
- 10% Breakfast

Naalehu Elementary
- 100% Free and Reduced Lunch
- DOE Grab and Go
- 17% Lunch
- 12% Breakfast
Question 3:

What is needed to strengthen food systems in Hawaii? Per county? How can we invest in achieving local food sustainability?
Maui, Molokai and Lānaʻi
Community Food Systems

Grow/Harvest

Process

Distribute

Make/Buy/Sell/Share

Eat

Resilience

Policy

Education

Health

Culture

Aina

Inputs
Q & A
Webinar Announcement

Topic: Shaping a Just Future: a Panel of Hawaii’s Youth Leaders

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