

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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In collaboration with Oneida County Health Department, Oneida County Human Services, Oneida County Food Pantries

### Helping Our Neighbors During the FoodShare Delay

Many people in Wisconsin may soon have trouble getting enough food. Starting November 1, about **700,000 people across the state** may be at risk for food insecurity. In fact, **\$468,948 in benefits** helps feed **3,351 Oneida County residents, 1,093** of which are **children**, every month!

Because of the **federal government shutdown**, FoodShare benefits will be **delayed**. FoodShare is paid for by the federal government, and payments can't be made until the shutdown ends.

If you get FoodShare:

- You can still **use any benefits already on your QUEST card**.
- These benefits **will not be taken away** during the shutdown.
- You can **buy food as usual** using what is already on your card.
- For updates, visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/news.htm>.
- You can also **call 211** to find local food help near you.

### Local Food Pantries Are Here to Help

[Rhineland Area Food Pantry](#), [Ruby's Pantry](#), [Lakeland Pantry](#), and [FORK](#) are ready to support our community.

Starting in **November**, food pantries may require registration verification, for new and existing members. Make sure to bring:

- Proof that you live in Oneida County
- Proof of your household income

If you use online ordering, this rule applies to you, too.

### How You Can Help

If you are able, please consider helping our neighbors:

- **Donate food, time, or money** to your local food pantry.
- **Organize and support food drives** at your local schools, businesses, community groups, or churches.
- **Participate in Oneida County's formula drive:** <https://linktr.ee/ochd1>
- **Tell others** about these changes so everyone knows where to get help.

Together, we can make sure everyone in Oneida County has enough to eat.