



LFCC COVID-19 Response

8-5-2021

The mission of Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa is to provide community-based food programs and partner services that focus on basic needs. We nourish lives! Loaves and Fishes is on the front lines in Contra Costa County serving people who need food. As an “essential provider,” Loaves and Fishes has remained open and is serving meals to the community. The reality is, Loaves and Fishes provides food to the most vulnerable in our community; without our services many will not be able to feed themselves or their families. Loaves and Fishes is committed to the health and safety of all our guests, staff, volunteers, and partner agencies.

As of Tuesday August 3, 2021, all five dining rooms continue to serve meals in "to-go" containers out the front door and filling grocery bags with food from the food pantries. We are serving approximately 3500-4500 meals a week in this manner. This is a dramatic increase from what we were serving before COVID-19 entered our community. All guests are required to wear a mask when picking up a meal and all Staff and Volunteers are required to wear a mask inside the kitchens and dining rooms.

By remaining open and serving under these challenges, we are incurring unexpected costs related to the “to-go” containers and increased amount of food purchases. During the pandemic our community has been supportive with food donations and financial donations, we hope everyone will continue to support so we can keep up with the demand on our services. No one knows how COVID-19 will affect everyone going forward. What we do anticipate is that people may need our services more than before the pandemic. No one should go hungry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Loaves and Fishes Culinary Arts Training Program has been closed since March 2020, we are opening the program and starting a new class on September 7, 2021. We are currently taking applications for the free 12-week program.

Please consider helping Loaves and Fishes during this critical time. Our mission relies on the community to come together and be socially engaged, even as we are instructed to not “socially gather.”

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joleen R. Lafayette", is written over the typed name.

Joleen R. Lafayette
Executive Director