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Increased Emergency SNAP Benefits Continue in November

Most Oregonians who receive SNAP benefits will continue to receive temporarily increased emergency food benefits



Many Oregonians struggle with food security that the increased benefit will help relieve

Most Oregonians who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive emergency allotments in November.

The federal government has approved emergency allotments every month since March 2020. This gives SNAP recipients additional support during the COVID-19 pandemic. These emergency benefits are a temporary support that Oregon can provide because of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency.

Because the federal government approved these emergency benefits for November, Oregon

will also be able to issue them in December. However, the emergency benefits are expected to end when the federal public health emergency ends.

In November, approximately 430,000 SNAP households will receive approximately \$69 million in extra food benefits in addition to their regular SNAP benefits.

“We know that many rely on these additional emergency food benefits to get enough healthy food for themselves and their families,” said Jana McLellan, interim director of the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), Self-Sufficiency Programs. “We also know that many

Oregonians are still struggling to meet their basic needs and we encourage them to contact our partners at 211, the Oregon Food Bank and their local Community Action Agency for support during this difficult time.”

Current SNAP households will receive emergency allotments on Nov. 11. Emergency allotments will be issued Nov. 30 or Dec. 2 for households who did not receive benefits in the first monthly issuance.

SNAP recipients do not have to take any action to receive these supplemental benefits as they will be issued directly on their EBT cards.

Pre-opening Tour Held for Menlo Park Safe Rest Village



Menlo Park Safe Rest Village

A pre-opening tour of the new Menlo Park Safe Rest Village (SRV) was hosted by Portland City Commissioner Dan Ryan last Friday, October 28th. The Menlo Park site is on property owned by TriMet and will have

up to 60 sleeping units. Each unit is set to have a bed, electricity, heat, and air conditioning.

The Menlo Park location is Portland’s second SRV and will offer 24/7 staff. It will also offer temporary shelter, connections

to get mental health and addiction services, as well as assistance leading to recovery and permanent housing. The new Safe Rest Village is located at 122nd and Burnside although official opening date.

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