## **Food Distribution Ideas that Limit Interaction**

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As we consider how to maintain our essential services to meet the needs of the people we serve, identifying and implementing "light touch or no-touch distribution" models can help make food distribution safer for both volunteers and clients.

- We recommend pre-pack boxes or bags in place of client choice distributions.
- One of the Food Bank's partner agencies is switching to a "drive-through" mobile pantries where residents drive a vehicle through a distribution line and receive pre-packed bags and boxes of food. NOTE: Please consult local law enforcement to ensure that proper traffic control is available.
- Schedule appointments to limit the number of people congregating at your agency at one time. This may require cell phone or email information (which you can access from Link2Feed, if listed). The following free online tools may prove helpful.
  - o www.calendly.com Free scheduling site.
  - https://www.remind.com/ Free text or email system for teachers. Set up a "classroom" per time slot or per distribution.
  - o There is also an appointment feature available in Link2Feed
    - This option requires activation and if you are interested, please contact Lauren Egan at <a href="mailto:legan@brafb.org">legan@brafb.org</a>
- Provide "no contact" doorstep deliveries to homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities by dropping off food on the porch or doorstep.