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The following statement outlines an individual's right to food assistance within the Manna Food Project's network of food distributors.

As a guest of a food pantry in the Manna Food Project's food distribution network, you are entitled to receive food. A partner food pantry may not deny you food for any reason during their hours of operation. The institution may advertise specific criteria such as service area or frequency of visits. However, if you have self-declared a need for emergency food assistance, you are entitled to receive food including, but not limited to, any USDA food products, fresh produce, frozen proteins, dairy products including eggs, and any foods that the partner received for free from the Manna Food Project.

A partner food pantry may not ask you for proof of income or proof of residency. The partner food pantry may ask you for an ID for the purpose of registration and for no other reason. You do not have to provide an ID to complete registration.

To receive food, any partner food pantry, in accordance with USDA guidelines, must record your full name, home address (permanent or temporary), and household demographics which include how many individuals are in your household, number of children, number of senior citizens, and number of veterans, if any. Any information beyond what is required by the USDA is optional. Information taken for registration is confidential.

If you seek emergency food assistance and are denied service at one of the Manna Food Project's partner food pantries, please contact Manna immediately at 231-347-8852.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

