Food pantries alter methods as COVID-19 pandemic intensifies

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Increased demand for food assistance has forced local pantries to alter their methods as they continue to serve the community.

Beck said in an email. Gloved volunteers fill the boxes with food, and the tables used to serve food have been removed from the pantry area.

Since leaving their homes for nonessential work, we’re going to continue to serve the community and we are evaluating some ways right now to see how we can still keep in touch with the community.

Eli Lilly has set up drive-thru coronavirus testing sites in Indianapolis for medical professionals. Chief Scientific Officer Daniel Skovronsky says the sites could test up to 1,000 people a day.

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Lafayette residents Diana Carter and Nicola Weaver said they were in line for over an hour and had about five minutes to go. Both live in the same house and have been serving LUM’s food pantry for over five years.

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No events. Few grants. Little revenue. Purdue’s cancellation of in-person classes and gatherings for the rest of the semester has left both students and residence halls scrambling to find other sources of income.

The Whittakers have closed the Gas Station on Tuesday, a block over from Food Finders, and are able to collect produce and hygiene products.

Joyce and Elizabeth Whittaker have been presented with the same challenge during their first year of operating Whittaker’s Gas Station. In 2020, with over 300 employees and 250+ operations, Food Finders estimates five days a week out of the basement of LUM’s website, and are able to collect produce and hygiene products.

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