

Questionnaire on the COVID-19 Pandemic Impact on Food Bank Operations

Research Study on Food Banks

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Research Summary

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by Dr. Daniel Warshawsky at Wright State University, because your department or program plays a key role in urban food waste management. This research examines the development of food banks across the world. In particular, this study analyzes the structure, programs, and operations at food banks and the impacts that food banks have on food insecurity and food waste levels.

This interview asks basic questions about your department's food waste programs. It takes about 45 minutes to complete. Your participation is completely voluntary, and the information you provide is both anonymous and confidential. You must be aged 18 or older to participate. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Warshawsky at daniel.warshawsky@wright.edu or 1-937-775-2845.

Interview Questions

1. Yes or No? During the COVID 19 pandemic, did the food bank or its beneficiary organizations ever close for weeks or months at some point?
 - If yes, for how long and why?
2. Yes or No? During the COVID 19 pandemic, did the food bank or its beneficiary organizations ever lack needed funding?
 - If yes, why?
3. Yes or No? During the COVID 19 pandemic, did the food bank or its beneficiary organizations ever have a shortage in the supply of food?
 - If yes, why?
4. Yes or No? During the COVID 19 pandemic, did the food bank or its beneficiary organizations ever have a shortage in the number of staff or volunteers to redistribute food?
 - If yes, why?
5. Yes or No? During the COVID 19 pandemic, did the food bank or its beneficiary organizations ever lack other resources?
 - If yes, did it lack protective masks, hand sanitizer, dispensers?
 - If yes, what other equipment do you need?

6. Yes or No? During the COVID 19 pandemic, did the food bank or its beneficiary organizations have an increase in the number of food beneficiaries?
 - If yes, how much of an increased demand?
 - If yes, who are the new food recipients?
 - If yes, are you meeting the increased need?

7. In what ways has the food bank or its beneficiary organizations changed or been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?
 - Explain?

8. How, if at all, has the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way you think about the food bank and the work that it does?
 - Explain?