

Wake County Covid19 Emergency Food Response

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Overview

Impact of Covid19 on Food Security

Food Security Strategies

Lessons Learned

Moving Forward



Impact of Covid19

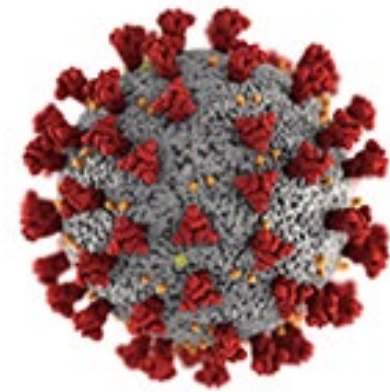
Unstable/Decreased Food Availability

Increased demand for food

- SNAP
- Food Pantries

Disruptions to service models & volunteer systems

Disruptions to transportation



Food Response Team – March 13, 2020

Built upon existing food security collaborations

Partnership between

- Wake County Human Services/Cooperative Extension
- Wake County Public Schools & Child Nutrition
- Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC
- Interfaith Food Shuttle
- Western Regional Food Security Action Workgroup





Goals of Emergency Food Response

- Increase food supply
- Increase food storage
- Address increased child hunger
- Support access to culturally appropriate, balanced foods
- Address transportation shortfalls
- Increase awareness of services

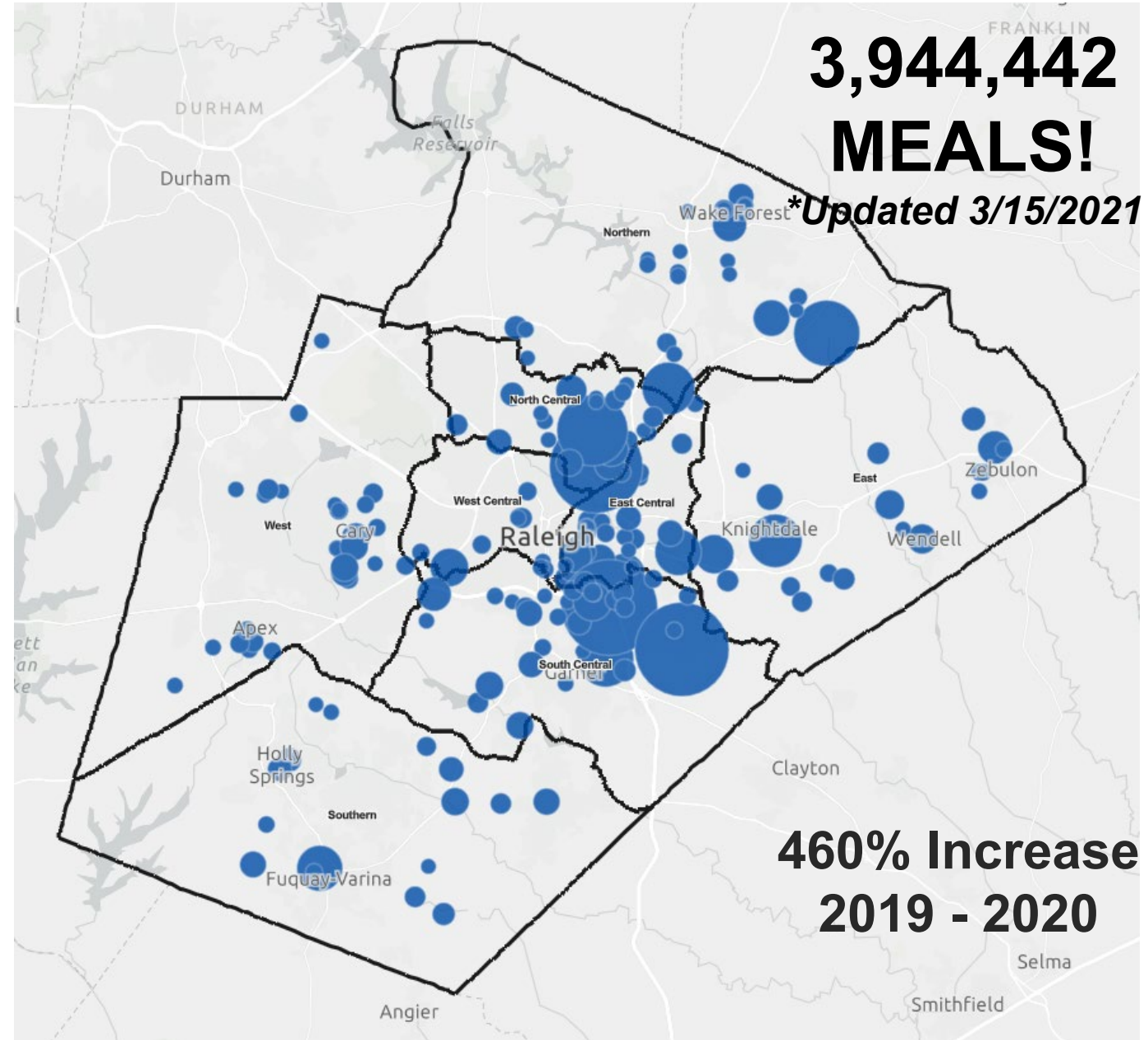
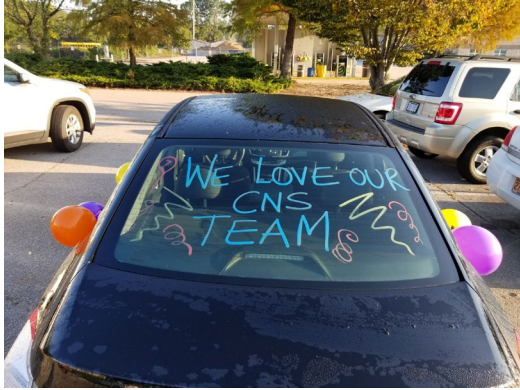




Strategies

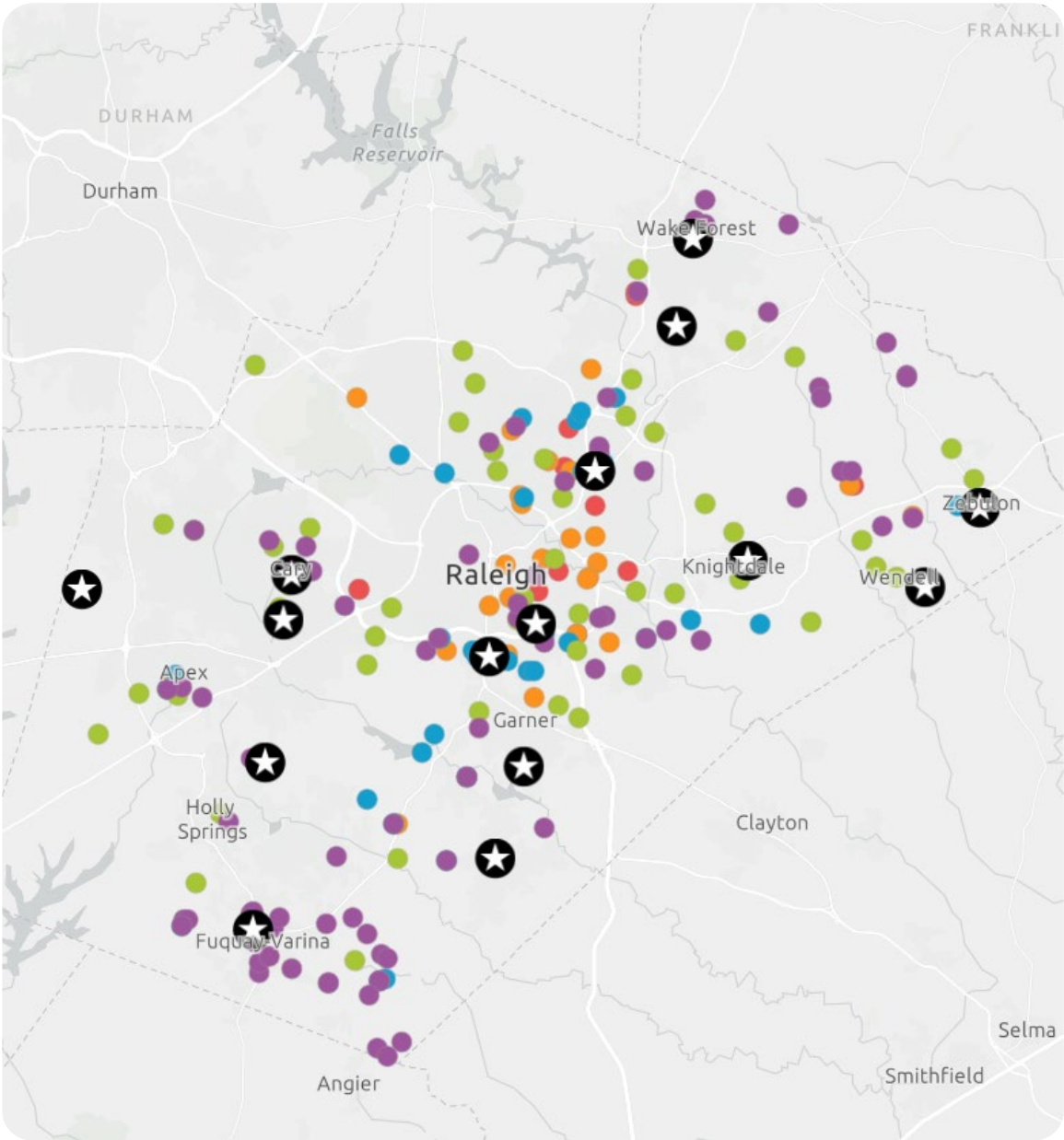
- Curbside meals for children
- McKinney Vento weekend meals
- Farmer to Family
- Gleaning
- Big Bus Food Trucks
- Grocers on Wheels SNAP Match
- Pantry Infrastructure Support
- Community Garden Support
- Casseroles & Family Style Meals
- Emergency Food Boxes at Schools
- Community Food Hubs & Deliveries

Summer Food Program Meals Served June – Aug 2020



Source: Kelly Sewell & Bill Shroyer – Long Range Planning

Hub Model





WAKE COUNTY COVID-RELIEF FOOD SECURITY IMPACT FEB 2021



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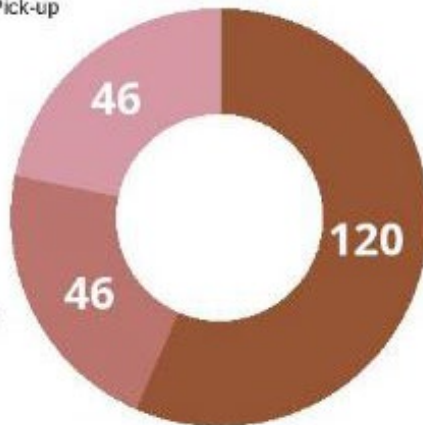


8,602,959

MEALS DISTRIBUTED MARCH 2020 - FEBRUARY 2021

Distribution Locations (by type)

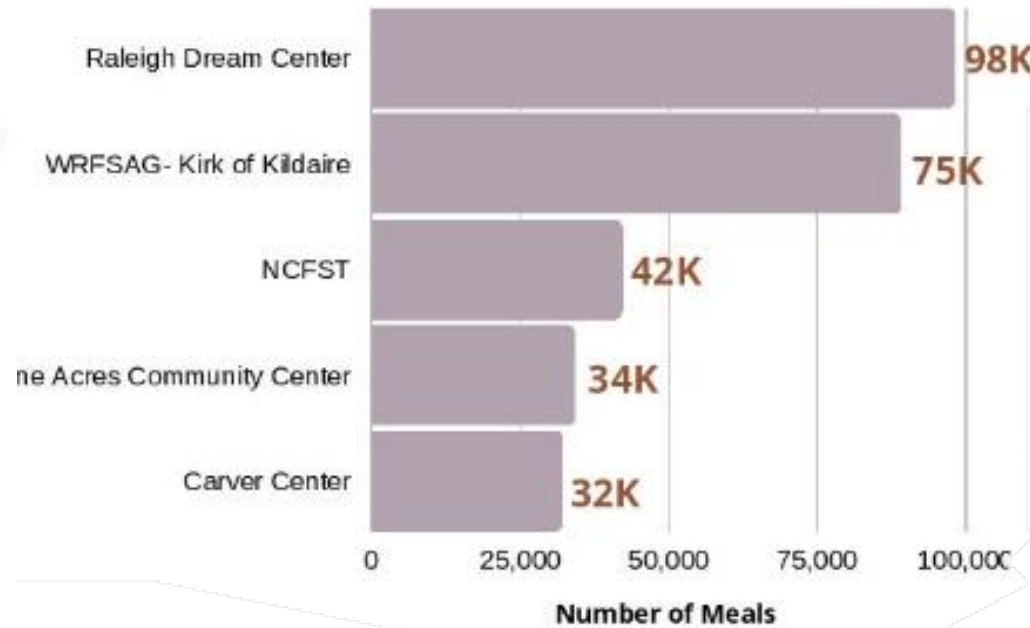
Schools w/ Curbside Pick-up
21.7%



Big Bus Food Trucks
21.7%

Community Distribution Sites
56.6%

Top Hub Distribution Sites in February 2021 (by # of meals distributed)



172,311

emergency boxes &
bags

at

212

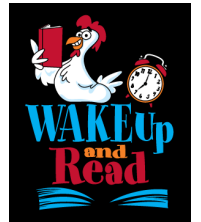
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locations

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food security
partners

Additional Partners



Moving Forward

- Collective Impact Infrastructure vital to rapid response
- Food = gateway to other services
- 2021 – Update Food Security Plan
- Future Strategies needed to investigate & address:
 - Hunger among Latin X and Hispanic
 - Senior Hunger
 - College Student Hunger
 - Transportation challenges



Questions & Comments

