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FOOD RELIEF AVAILABLE FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS

SHASTA COUNTY – To assist with difficulties related to the COVID-19 pandemic, CalFresh benefits for all households will increase by 15 percent.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act has increased CalFresh allotments by 15 percent from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Benefits can be as high as \$234 for a household of one, and up to \$1,408 per month for a household of eight. Households larger than eight will receive an additional \$176 per person, per month. This increase amounts to an additional \$25 per person per month. Retroactive January emergency benefits will start on February 7, 2021, with regular and emergency benefits for February. After February, the normal benefit amount will be allotted monthly. All benefits will be added to Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards.

Shasta County's benefit computer systems will be down on February 5 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on to allow the State of California to update all benefits simultaneously. Eligibility offices will only be able to hand out and accept paper applications during this time. The Customer Service Center will also be closed during this time. No other Shasta County computer systems will be affected during the update. Clients can still apply or submit paperwork online through [C4Yourself.com](https://www.c4yourself.com) during this time.

If CalFresh recipients have questions about additional benefits, please contact the Customer Service Center at (877) 652-0731.

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