



# COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR AMPLEHARVEST.ORG FOOD PANTRIES

## Best practices for accepting fresh food from local gardeners:

- We ask that gardeners do not harvest food from their garden if they are not feeling well. They should use gloves at all times when harvesting.
- We're asking gardeners to call first to discuss an exact drop off time. They'll then leave the food outside and you can then promptly bring it in – from a socially distant distance.
- We encourage you to remind your food pantry clients to wash all fresh food thoroughly. Using warm soapy water can add extra protection. If they cook the food, the cooking kills any virus that may be present.
- Follow all health and safety guidelines provided by local authorities, your regional food bank and/or Feeding America.

**THIS IS A DIFFICULT TIME FOR AMERICA. AMPLEHARVEST.ORG AND THE GARDENERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY ARE WORKING TO MAKE IT A BIT LESS DIFFICULT.**