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CHANGES TO COVID-19 FOOD RELIEF FROM 1 JULY 2022

The Department of Families Fairness and Housing (DFFH) has prepared the attached Fact Sheets outlining the process for Victorians to access COVID-19 relief support from **1 July 2022**.

The current COVID-19 Food Relief arrangements to support vulnerable Victorians in mandatory isolation will conclude on **30 June 2022**.

From **1 July 2022**, councils will no longer receive referrals from the Hotline or from DFFH to provide food relief to the community. Councils will receive their final referrals from the Hotline on Wednesday 29 June 2022 for delivery on Thursday 30 June 2022.

If councils are approached for support from their community after **30 June**, they should encourage people to:

- Report their positive RAT result through the Hotline on 1800 675 398 or www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report, and seek food relief from local food relief providers,
- If a person needs assistance to locate a food relief provider or their relief needs are urgent they can contact the Hotline.

Two Fact Sheets are attached:

1. Service provider fact sheet - Information for service providers to enable them to provide accurate advice to the community on how to access food relief, essential items or support to safely isolate.
2. Community fact sheet - To distribute to community members if required.

Funding

Funding arrangements for the COVID-19 Food Relief Program have been confirmed between DFFH and Local Government Victoria regarding costs incurred in 2022.

Acquittal guidance and documentation will be circulated shortly to councils to cover all eligible costs incurred for the period 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022.