

# Panhandle

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### **Partners invited to the first meeting of the Panhandle Food Access Coalition and support your local food pantry!**

Panhandle Public Health District, in partnership with the Center for Rural Affairs, is launching the Panhandle Food Access Coalition to strengthen and expand access to healthy, affordable food across the region.

The coalition's first meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, September 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meeting will include a presentation on the Nebraska Food and Farm Economy Report, followed by a discussion on food access challenges and opportunities in the Panhandle. This conversation will help shape a core group of community partners who will meet quarterly to develop solutions and improve access over time.

"We know that food access looks different in every community, but we also know that when we come together, we can find strategies that work for the Panhandle," said Megan Barhafer, Community Health Planner Supervisor, Panhandle Public Health District. "This coalition will be a space for collaboration, learning, and action."

As a special incentive, a \$50 donation to the food bank of choice will be made for the first 30 people who register and attend the meeting.

Register today: [https://nalhd.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3VrikWriouXId7g](https://nalhd.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3VrikWriouXId7g)

If you have any questions about the Panhandle Food Access Coalition, contact Megan at 308-633-2866 or email [mbarhfer@pphd.ne.gov](mailto:mbarhfer@pphd.ne.gov). Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for all who live, learn, work, and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community.

