
Foodlink starts home deliveries

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Dear Members of the Auroville community,

With the Covid-19 outbreak we understand that everyone feels very stressed. This is a fast evolving situation with sudden changes to which we have to respond concerning how we can best serve you in Foodlink. No one knows how the epidemic will advance either in the local area or in India as a whole. Not surprisingly such uncertainty has triggered responses that have put a lot of extra stress onto our system and people. We have now 15 people Foodlink(regular Foodlink members and numbers of volunteers who have come forward) who have little choice but to interact with increasing numbers of people (150+ people which is 3 times more than general) We need a system that keeps us all healthy and safe and which at the same time enables us to provide you with what you need.

We have therefore decided that as from Monday 30th of March Foodlink will start home deliveries. At first this will be for milk and grains and when that is in place we will include vegetables and fruit from Auroville farms. Our plans are as follows:

1) If you have regular orders of Milk and if you haven't been contacted yet please send us an email (Foodlink@auroville.org.in) if you wish to have home delivery. Don't forget to give us your contact number and community. Please note that these deliveries will only be on alternate days for not less than 1 litre of milk, we can also supply the Yoghurts if you order. If you need to have a home delivery but you don't have a regular order, please contact us and we will ^{see} what we can be arranged.

2) From Monday onwards as usual Solar Kitchen and PTDC get priority for our other produce. With what is left we will make a mix of vegetables and fruit to make a basket of what is available ^{which will include} eggs (when we have ^{them}). Food will be put in the basket according to what is available(The Foodlink will be open from 10.30-12.00 noon for collecting your baskets)

We therefore request that you are all flexible and maybe learn to use produce with which you are unfamiliar. If there is anything in the basket that you don't want to use there will be a place for you to put it so we can give it to someone else (You will make another resident happy!)

3) We have all kinds of rice (Complete, Boiled, Raw, Red) Millets (varagu) peanuts, etc. Those who wish to have these items should order them in bulk and we will deliver or you pick ^{them} up once ^{every} 8-10 days.

Please use this link to order - <https://forms.gle/SXBy4N5yXRpx9RpXA>

These are plans to continue serving you as best we can by minimizing the number of people coming to Foodlink (to keep our staff and volunteers safe) while at the same time providing you with what you need. We ask that you are patient as the system evolves and are flexible about what we are able to provide.

We ^{think} that despite many ups and downs, the community has supported our food growing and distribution activities. We know there have been times when you got upset with us - the papaya didn't ripen, there were no eggs left when you came, or the veggies that you wanted weren't available. Despite this you never lost hope with us as we tried to respond to your concerns. You smiled and thanked us and kept coming to us to fulfill your needs for healthy and nutritious food grown locally. We Auroville farmers and Foodlink give heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported us and look forward to your ongoing support in these unprecedented times.

Thank you

Foodlink team

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