

Hello Franklin County Partners,

This information went out via Constant Contact, but sending to you directly, so you have this important information about upcoming changes!

Developments at MOFC

As of October 15, 2023, Mid-Ohio Food Collective will close its on-site drive-through pantry located in Grove City. While it will not be a one-to-one replacement, MOFC is opening a new Mid-Ohio Market **very nearby on October 20** where customers will go inside to pick the foods they want. The new market has been designed to meet the needs of Grove City and nearby areas and is called the Mid-Ohio Market at Gantz Road.

The drive-through was needed during the emergency response of the early pandemic, but things have changed since then. We know this change will be disruptive, and we will continue to link customers with other neighborhood pantries during and after this change. We are encouraging customers to visit [FreshTrak.com](https://www.freshtrak.com) to find free food options closer to home.

Our on-site drive-through pantry's final distribution will be Saturday, October 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. After that day, there will no longer be an on-site pantry located at the foodbank (3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City, OH 43123).

Mid-Ohio Market at Gantz Road

Scheduled to open Friday, October 20, the Mid-Ohio Market at Gantz Road has been designed to meet the needs of Grove City and nearby areas. The new market (located at [4041 Gantz Rd, Grove City, OH 43123](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4041+Gantz+Rd,+Grove+City,+OH+43123)) will be a choice pantry, and customers will need to come into the building to select their groceries.

The Mid-Ohio Market at Gantz Road's weekly shopping hours for customers will be:

- **Monday:** 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday through Friday:** 12:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- **Saturday:** 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- **Sunday:** Closed

To Our Franklin County Partner Agencies

As a Franklin County Partner Agency, we wanted to make you are aware of this change. Our service data shows that since the drive-through model opened during the pandemic, first-time customers have travelled a long way to use it. Many told us they weren't aware of options closer to home. We believe that if our customers can find more locally accessible pantries, it will mean less time in the car (and lower gas bills) for many families.

We know that food assistance in Grove City will be limited between October 15 and October 20 as we prepare to open the new market. This may mean some customers may need to go to pantries or meal sites in other places. We are actively directing customers who frequent our on-site food pantry to find other food resources through [FreshTrak.com](https://www.freshtrak.com). If you receive inquiries from customers, please be sure to direct them to [FreshTrak.com](https://www.freshtrak.com).

We are very excited to offer this choice model at Mid-Ohio Market at Gantz Road and are looking forward to offering this new shopping experience for customers in need of food resource in the Grove City area.

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