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## Staying safe while feeding the need during the holidays

Area residents encouraged to follow public health guidelines when donating to food banks during COVID-19 pandemic

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Area residents who plan to donate to local food banks as part of their holiday gift-giving are encouraged to do so safely amid the pandemic.

The recently released Hunger Report 2020 from Feed Ontario shows COVID-19 has led to a significant increase in food bank use in Ontario. With the onset of the pandemic, Ontario food banks saw a 26 per cent increase in first-time visitors between March and June 2020, according to the report. Demand continues to be