At Food Share we run educational sessions which highlight food insecurity in our region. It is beneficial to brief your group on the food insecurity challenge prior to attending the warehouse.

*Food insecurity occurs when people lack secure access to sufficient amounts of safe and nutritious food for normal growth and development and active and healthy life. Food insecurity affects regional Victorians disproportionately to people residing in metropolitan areas (15.1% of regional Victorians vs 12.6% in metro areas). Over 4500\* children in our region live in poverty.*

Corporate group visits can be booked **Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday** between **12 noon and 3.30pm**

**Booking -** After you have discussed availability with our Executive Officer Amanda Hennessy (0428 197 715) please book your visit by emailing our eo@districtfoodshare.org.au noting the following details:

* Your full name
* Organisation Name
* Position
* Mobile number

**Your employees will participate in a tour of the warehouse and statistics briefing plus hands-on volunteering experience building emergency food boxes which will take approx. 1 hour.

Numbers** – we are currently capping our groups at 10 per visit. Please discuss this with us as we are flexible in running multiple groups.

**Our COVID protocol –** if any person is displaying COVID, cold or Flu symptoms on the day of the session they are asked not to attend. *This protocol may be adjusted as the COVID situation changes.*
**Donations** – please feel free to bring a donation of pantry products with you. 😊 Our most needed products include:

* Tinned tuna – small cans
* Breakfast spreads – vegemite, jam, honey, peanut butter
* Tins of mixed vegetable e.g., peas and carrots or other varieties
* 2 min Noodles
* Chunky Soup in a can OR any essential panty products on special

**Foodshare WHS Checklist -** the following are available:

* Accessible toilets and First Aid Kit

Note - Staff conducting the session have a current WWCC and Police check.
Note - No machinery will be operated while a visit is taking place.

**Additional Volunteering Opportunity**
Our partnership is offering you the opportunity to visit Volcano Produce at Illowa – staff will have a real-life experience of growing and harvesting spray free fruit and veggies that are then donated to Food Share for Emergency Food Hampers. Lots more info + bookings at <https://volcanoproduce.com.au/hands-on-learning>