Food system equity and access in the age of COVID-19

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Presentation overview

- Equity and access within the food system
  - Ongoing impacts of COVID-19
- Primary issues facing Richmond and surrounding areas
- What’s next?
  - Policy
  - Action
- Remaining questions
Equity and access within the food system
Primary challenges in Richmond

- Ongoing impacts of systemic racism
  - Redlining
  - Economic instability
  - Accessibility
  - Food deserts
  - Transportation

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- Challenges based on gender and age
  - Gender (data from USDA)
    - Food insecurity rates for women living alone: 14.7%
    - Child food insecurity rates for single mother households: 30.3%
  - Older individuals
    - Health challenges
    - Transportation/mobility
    - Isolation
Equity and access within the food system
What’s next?

-Policies and actions:
  -Promoting equity, access, and collaboration in Richmond
  -Addressing distribution, consumption, and food waste management
  -Creating and strengthening programs

-Questions to consider:
  -Who are the players and what are their roles?
  -What resources are needed?
  -How can we address new challenges caused by COVID-19?