

# Chicago Meal Pack for 9/11 Day

Join us in packing 9 million meals for the September 11 National Day of Service & Remembrance ("9/11 Day")

**Date:** Thursday, September 11, 2025 **Location:** Great Hall at Union Station

Address: 500 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60661

## WHEN TO ARRIVE:

Please arrive 30 minutes before your shift begins. All volunteers must check in and pass through security screening.

Shift 1: 9 AM - 11 AM
 Shift 2: 12 PM - 2 PM

• **Shift 3**: 3 PM - 5 PM

#### **PARKING INFORMATION:**

Please visit <u>this website</u> for a variety of transportation options, including direct travel to Union Station by train, bus, and the L.

For driving directions, <u>click here</u>.

Several pay-to-park lots near Union Station are listed <u>here</u>. Event participants are responsible for payment.

Additionally, you can use parking apps like <u>SpotHero</u> and <u>ParkWhiz</u> for discounted rates.

Please note: 9/11 Day does not manage parking arrangements. Companies can reimburse their employees for parking or arrange prepaid parking vouchers in some cities. If interested, email <a href="mailto:meredith.motiff@911day.org">meredith.motiff@911day.org</a>

# WHERE TO GO ONCE YOU ARRIVE:

You can enter on Jackson Blvd, which is at the south end of the building; other entrances are located on Clinton Street on the west side of the building and on Adams Street to the North. The entrance off Canal Street is closed to vehicles because of station construction. For a Union Station map, click here:

https://chicagounionstation.com/index.php/information/station-map



If you enter on Jackson Blvd, you will immediately be in the Great Hall and you will see the registration tables to the right.

If you are entering the building from the other locations, follow the overhead signs and proceed directly to the Great Hall, the main waiting area at Union Station. Greeters and signage will guide you to the registration table, which is located at the south end of the Great Hall.

#### **CHECK-IN DETAILS:**

Please bring your ticket or have it ready to show on your phone for check-in. All volunteers must check in and pass through security screening.

## WHAT TO BRING:

- **Ticket:** Please have your ticket ready for check-in, either printed or accessible on your phone. You can find your ticket in the confirmation email sent by **noreply@order.eventbrite.com**.
- Bag Restrictions: We strongly discourage bringing large purses, backpacks, totes
  and other similar items all of which are subject to search. Please note that no
  storage will be available on-site. Volunteers may bring a small bag, which can be
  stored under the meal packing table during the event.
- Food & Drink: Food and drinks are not allowed in the meal packing area. You may bring a water bottle, but it must be consumed outside the main packing area. Water dispensers and cups for water will be available in the Great Hall.

## WHAT TO WEAR:

- Wear comfortable, casual clothing. We recommend wearing company-branded shirts.
- Hats are not allowed; you will be provided with a hair net.
- Closed-toe shoes are recommended.
- Shorts and tees are acceptable. The facility will be temperature controlled.
- Jewelry is not allowed while packing meals. This includes earrings and piercings, watches, rings, necklaces, bracelets, pins etc. Medical alert bracelets are permitted.

## WHAT TO EXPECT:



When you arrive for your shift:

- Check in and use the handwashing or hand sanitizing stations provided.
- You will receive a hair net or beard net.
- You will be given disposable gloves at your assigned meal pack station.
- Your team, led by a Table Captain, will work together to fill, seal, count, and box hundreds of multi-serving pouches of nutritious dry meals. The shift will last approximately 90 minutes.

#### **ACCESSIBILITY:**

Volunteers will stand for the entire shift. If you have specific accessibility needs, please contact us in advance at <a href="mailto:registration@911day.org">registration@911day.org</a> so we can make appropriate accommodations to ensure your participation is as comfortable as possible. Chairs will be available in the meal packing area if you need one during your shift.

#### **VOLUNTEER AGE REQUIREMENT:**

Our projects are family-friendly and inclusive. While volunteers of all ages are welcome, we recommend children be 10 years or older to fully participate. Anyone under 18 will need a parent or guardian to sign a waiver, either in advance or at check-in. Please note that all volunteers must register for the event.

# **HAVE MORE QUESTIONS:**

If you have any questions or need help, please contact us at registration@911day.org.

Thank you for your dedication to this meaningful cause. With your help, we expect to pack 500,000 meals to support those facing food insecurity in the Greater Chicago community.

See you on 9/11.