HSD and its partners seek to help older adults remain home and healthy during the public health crisis through the provision of up to 3 meals a day from local businesses.

Who qualifies for the program?
Individuals who are 65 or older (or 60-64 at high-risk *) and
• Live alone or with one other program-eligible adult;
• Are not currently receiving assistance from other state or federal nutrition assistance programs (e.g. CalFresh, Meals on Wheels);
• Annual income does not exceed $74,940 (single) or $101,460 (2-person); and
• Cannot currently prepare or obtain meals.

How do I apply for the program if I believe I may qualify?
Provide your full name, phone, date of birth, and preferred language on a confidential voice mail or send the information to the secure email below.

Santa Cruz Great Plates Delivered Message Line (831) 454-4406
hsd_greatplates@santacruzcounty.us.

HSD staff will contact you for a free screening to confirm if you qualify.

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*As defined by the Centers for Disease Control, including: Individuals: exposed to COVID-19, have underlying health conditions or live with individuals who are COVID-19 positive.