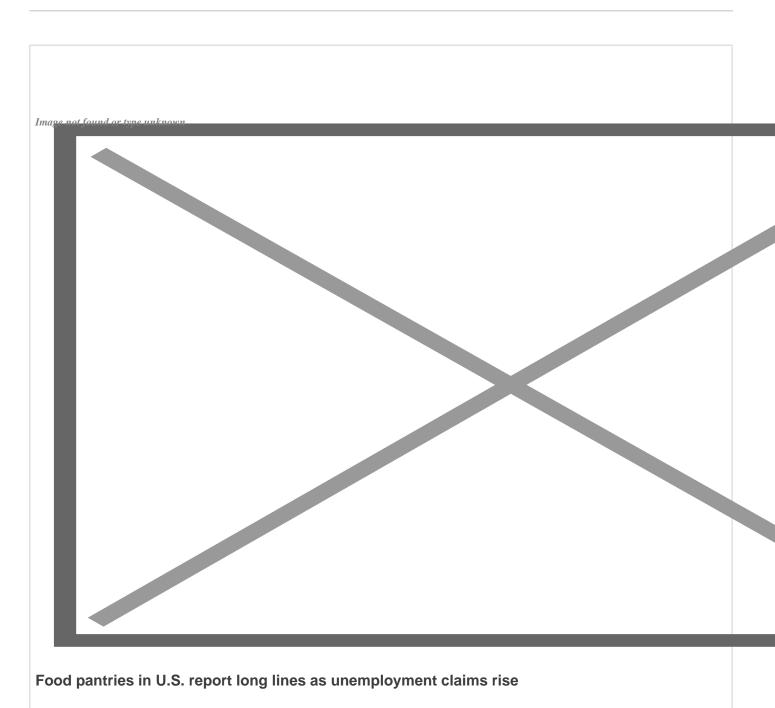
Food pantries in U.S. report long lines as unemployment claims rise



Washington, November 22 (RHC)-- The U.S. Labor Department reports 743,000 American workers filed for new unemployment claims last week -- a rise of about 30,000 from the previous week, as coronavirus

infections hit record highs from coast to coast.

This news comes as a new study by the Century Foundation found that unless Republican senators follow House Democrats by passing a COVID relief bill, 12 million U.S. workers will lose federal unemployment benefits by December 26.

In New York City, food banks report they've had to turn away some needy families amid unprecedented demand. The hunger relief group Feeding America warns some 54 million U.S. residents currently face food insecurity.

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