

Out of the Cold program locations

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Learn more about this project:

[Changes in informal access to selected indoor public spaces in Toronto](#)

What these maps capture

In the winter of 2019/20, there were 16 Out of the Cold (OOTC) programs run at synagogues and churches. Out of the Cold programs generally run from November to March, although this can vary by location. OOTCs offered overnight bed spaces. They also offered dinner and evening drop-in hours to many additional people who do not stay overnight.

[How to read the maps](#)

Quick information

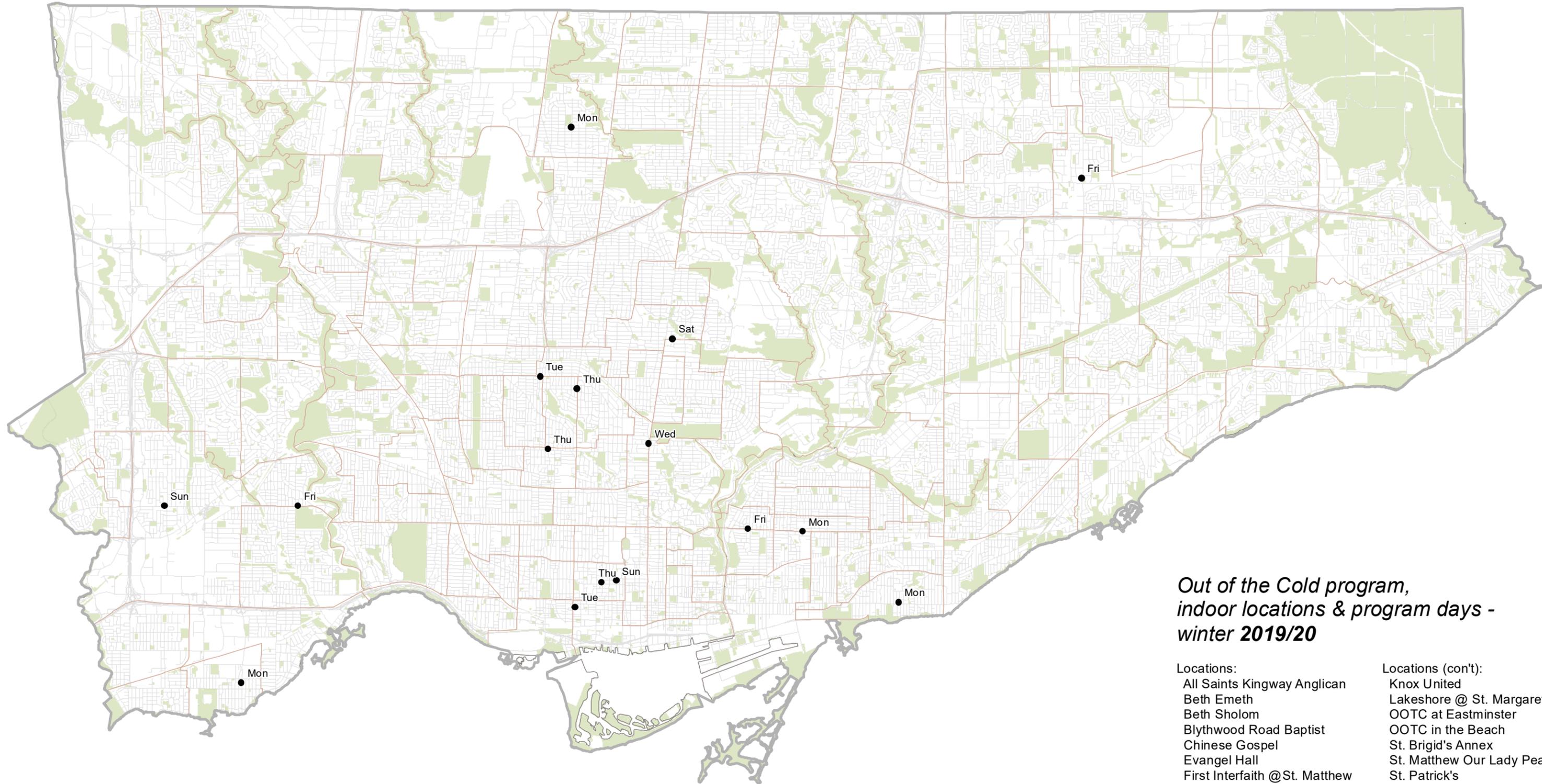
- In 2019/20, the 16 OOTCs had approximately 90 overnight beds and offered dinner and drop-in evening hours to those who stayed overnight. Most programs also extended their dinner and drop-in services to additional people who did not stay to sleep. In combination, the OOTCs offered dinner and drop-in services to an average of 130 people a night who did not stay to sleep.
- Shelter, Support and Housing has said that they have replaced the approximately 90 overnight spaces formerly provided by OOTCs “in a central location.”¹ They have not, however, replaced the additional evening drop-in hours previously provided by the OOTCs.
- The loss of the OOTCs has meant lost evening drop-in capacity in areas where there are no respites² or warming centres. For example, five out of the 16 now-closed OOTCs were in midtown. To our knowledge there were no replacement services established in this area.
- In the winter of 2020/21 there is was only one OOTC-run indoor drop-in program, a dinner on Wednesday and Sunday nights. Several other OOTC-related initiatives, however, continue to run, such as those providing take-out meals.

Data sources for map and fact sheet

- Capacity data collected directly from OOTC programs by Rafi Aaron, spokesperson for the Interfaith Coalition to Fight Homelessness, and co-chair of the Beth Sholom/Beth Tzedec Out of the Cold program.
- Locations and hours for 2019/2020 available here: <https://dixonhall.org/blog-post/the-out-of-the-cold-2019-2020-season-calendar-is-here>
- Information about the one 2020/21 indoor OOTC program available here (information may change, please verify before attending or referring people): <https://www.streethealth.ca/news/blog/out-of-the-cold>

Notes

1. <https://www.toronto.ca/news/city-of-toronto-2020-2021-winter-plan-for-people-experiencing-homelessness>
2. Respite centres are operating similarly to bedded programs, and may not have drop-in access. In City documents, however, respite centres are described as prioritizing, "ease of access to safe indoor space," and they are highlighted as part of the City's Winter Plan.



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| Locations: | Locations (con't): |
| All Saints Kingway Anglican | Knox United |
| Beth Emeth | Lakeshore @ St. Margaret's |
| Beth Sholom | OOTC at Eastminster |
| Blythwood Road Baptist | OOTC in the Beach |
| Chinese Gospel | St. Brigid's Annex |
| Evangel Hall | St. Matthew Our Lady Peace |
| First Interfaith @ St. Matthew | St. Patrick's |
| Holy Blossom Temple | Yorkminster Park Baptist |

All locations: 16

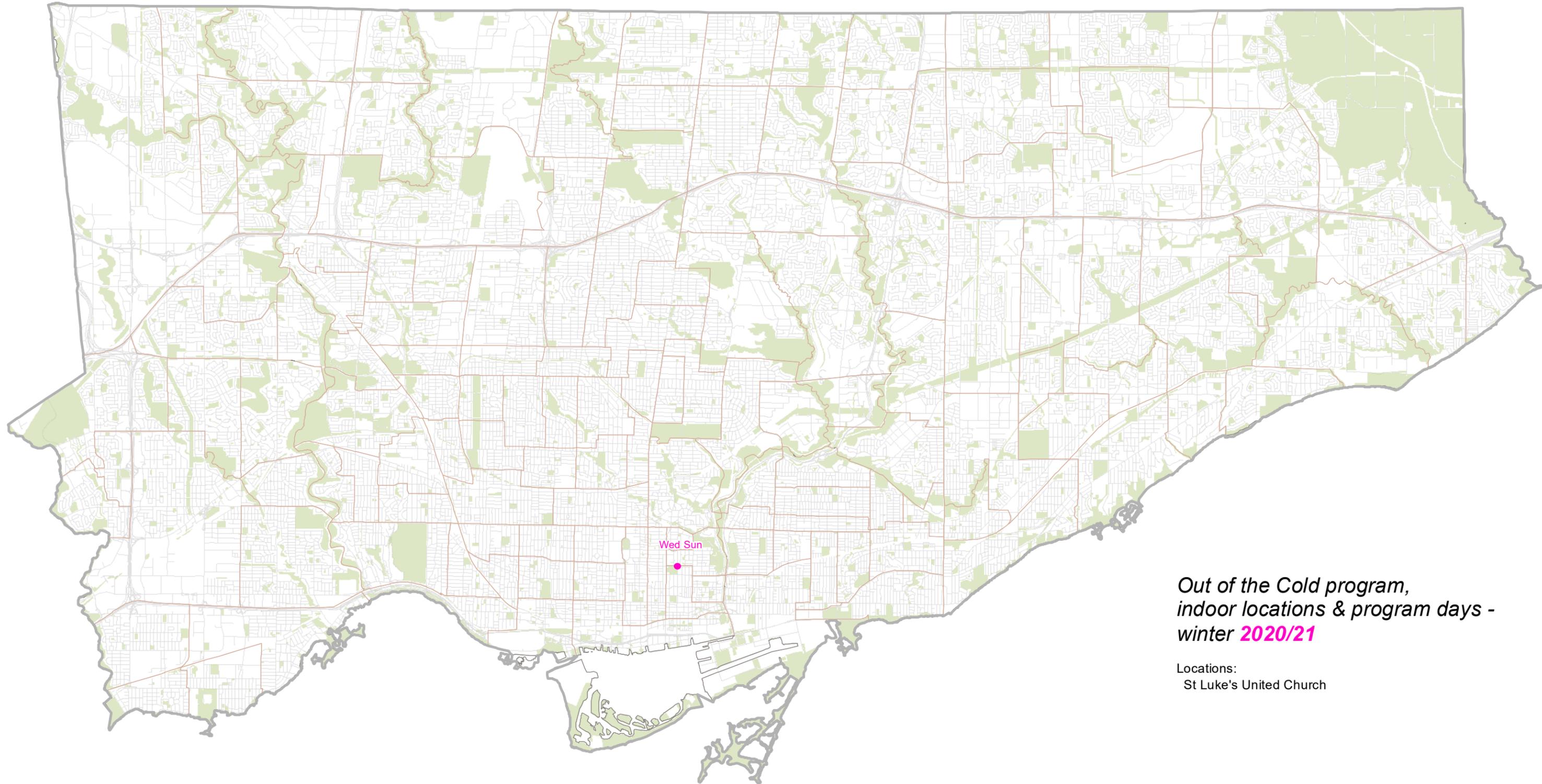



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-  Street Grid
-  Neighbourhood Boundaries
-  Green Space

(1) What this map captures: Out of the Colds (OOTCs). In most years, OOTCs offer dinner and drop-in access to people who stay overnight. They also offer dinner and drop-in access to many people who do not stay overnight. Each of the Out of the Cold locations operated one day of the week. Most started in November, and ended at the beginning of April, with some variations.

(2) Data snapshot taken Dec 2020. For data sources, please see fact sheet.

(3) This map is not intended as a resource and will not be updated.



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Locations:
St Luke's United Church

All locations: **1**


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- (1) What this map captures: There is one of Out of the Cold (OOTC) dinner in 2020/21 which runs twice a week, with no overnight access. This map does not capture OOTC initiatives that do not involve indoor access, such as take-out meals.
- (2) Data snapshot taken Dec 2020. For data sources, please see fact sheet.
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