



USD 232 Student Nutrition Meal Distribution – Q&A

This list will continue to be updated as a resource for our community. Please check back periodically for additional information.

Q: Do our children have to be approved for free or reduced meals to participate?

A: No! Any child ages 1 – 18 is eligible to receive a free meal from this program.

Q: Is there a charge for these meals if we are not free or reduced?

A: No! The program is designed to operate just like summer meals. All children ages 1 – 18 may pick up a meal for no charge.

Q: Do we need to pick one of the two days to pick up meals?

A: Families may come to both days each week. The meal kits on Mondays consist of two lunches and two breakfasts. The meal kits on Wednesdays consist of three lunches and three breakfasts.

Q: Do children need to attend USD 232 schools to participate?

A: No! Any child ages 1 – 18 is eligible to receive a free meal regardless of residency.

Q: How long will the meal service continue?

A: The meal service will continue throughout the closure and into the summer. We will re-evaluate the sites, delivery methods, times, and frequency after the first two weeks to ensure we are meeting the needs of the community.

Q: Can I still complete a free/reduced application this school year?

A: If your household's income has been affected by this situation, we will still accept applications for free/reduced meals. We are attempting to capture the true economic impact to our families by continuing to accept applications and qualify families through this program even though we will not be serving meals at school in the traditional sense. Please note that if your household is approved, meal benefits will also continue 30 days into the 2020-2021 school year.

Q: We don't qualify for free or reduced price meals. Can we pay for our meals to help offset the cost of the program?

A: At this time, we do not have a way to collect funds. The program is being funded by the USDA through Federal sources so every meal provided is at minimal or no cost to the local district. We encourage families who wish to help direct donations to the local charity of their choice during this time.

Q: I would love to help out with this program! How can I get involved?

A: At this time, we are in uncharted territory. We are not really sure what our needs will be yet beyond the first week or two. We are limiting the number of people involved to ensure we are protecting our staff and the community we serve. The best thing anyone can do is ensure that their neighbors, friends, and family know about these services. Should the need arise for additional volunteers, we will reach out to the community for support. We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming notes of encouragement and offers to assist from our community members.