

Meal Service Options for COVID-19 School Food Service Closures

1. Contact a nearby school district.

A neighboring school district may have the capacity to temporarily deliver pre-made grab and go meals to the closed school for household to pick up or home delivery.

- a. This works best if the nearby school district is operating an **open SFSP site**.
- b. The school providing the meals would claim the meals for reimbursement.

2. Consider contacting a Meals-to-You vendors.

Although this program ended in August, schools may be able to work with the individual Meals-to-You vendors to get set up with shelf stable meals. The vendors are familiar with school district needs and USDA rules and regulations. There is a cost to this program.

- a. PepsiCo Food for Good: <https://foodforgoodmealsolutions.com/>
- b. McLane Hunger Solutions: <https://www.mclanehungersolutions.com/our-solutions/flexible-school-meal-kits/>
- c. Chartwells: <http://www.chartwellsschools.com/mealsolutions>

3. Contact a food-service vendor.

To plan ahead, some vendors carry pre-made meal kit options.

- a. U.S. Foods has offered a 3-day meal kits in some situations.
- b. [JA Foodservice](#) has shelf-stable meal options including breakfast, lunch, and snack options. Also available in NSLP meal pattern options.
- c. [Optimum Foods](#) offers shelf-stable meal options that meet the SFSP meal pattern.

Schools should plan to order these in advance as vendors likely have ~2-4 weeks to get the items stocked.

USDA Foods Deliveries

During COVID-19, the OPI School Nutrition Programs will continue to receive, store, and distribute the USDA Foods requested by School Food Authorities. **This includes distribution to SFAs operating the Summer Food Service Program under the extended nationwide waiver.**

We realize that meal service plans continue to change and want to ensure that you get the maximum value from your USDA Foods entitlement assistance. Advance communication is critical, as the delivery drivers have been instructed not to alter the goods and quantities listed on the bills of lading. **Please ensure someone is available at the school to receive your USDA Foods deliveries.**

