

Food Services Novel Coronavirus Plan*

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- Purpose:** Providing meal service to families affected by school closures as a result of COVID-19
- Federal Regulation:** Food Nutrition Service (FNS) has the ability to waive the NSLP requirements for serving meals in a congregate setting and the requirement to serve meals at a “non-school” site for COVID-19.
- State Regulation:** NJDA has submitted a waiver request to USDA to permit school districts to serve meals to eligible students during school closures due to COVID-19 utilizing meal requirements typically associated with Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) operations. School districts not participating in SFSP, must apply in order to operate a meal service program due to COVID-19 school closures.
- Application Process:** **Not Applicable to Paterson. Paterson Public Schools is currently a sponsor of SFSP and is in good standing with NJDA.**
- Meal Accountability:** Utilizing SFSP procedures, Food Services will provide unitized meals compliant with SFSP regulations via an outside contractor. Contractor will deliver meals the day-of serving. Parents/guardians will be required to arrive at designated location to pick up meals, enough for the number of school-age children living within the household. Meals are for students only. The server will keep a record of the number of meals taken.
Note: To limit crowding and potential further contamination, Food Services does not recommend for students to visit serving locations to pick up meals. Also, Parents/guardians will not be permitted to take meals for older family members or neighbors.
- Meals:** Breakfast and lunch will be available. Meals will be shelf-stable, limited in variety, reusable and unitized meaning that all components are within the same package. This will reduce the number of hand-contact points when serving. Meals should be brought home and heated either in a microwave or conventional oven before consuming. Meals not served can be reused the next day or held for a longer period of time.
- Servers:** Food service workers, volunteers, or other administrative personnel can be utilized to serve meals.
Note: All personnel assigned to serve meals must attend training and receive the proper protection to prevent contamination.

Serving Locations: Food Services is proposing 3 options for potential serving locations.
Note: It is important at all locations there are measures in place to address and if necessary enforce crowd control and “Social distancing”. Also, the BOH should approve all locations and serving procedures before meals are disbursed.

Option 1 – to utilize those schools that are closed. Why – parents/guardians are accustomed to their own school. With schools closed and decontamination taking place, Food Services can establish a point of service (POS) inside the school but near the front entrance which could provide easy access for families and deliveries. Once serving is complete for the day, the entire serving location or front entrance can again be decontaminated.

Note: Weather permits, POS can be set up outside.

Option 2 – to utilize open schools within the same vicinity as the closed school. To avoid disruption to the host school, the POS can be setup in an area within the building that is accessible to an outside door. Again, this will allow for easy access for families and deliveries.

Option 3 – to utilize local firehouses (non-school sites) within Paterson city-limits. There are 7 firehouses available for use, locations are listed below. Pending the Mayor and City BA’s approval, Chief McDermott has agreed to allow the district to use the fire houses if necessary, however parents/guardians will not be allowed to walk to far into the house. Chief McDermott will allow Food Services to establish a POS at the front entrance of each fire house.

1. **Head Quarters Firehouse** – 290 McBride Ave
2. **Hillcrest Firehouse** – 221 Union Ave
3. **Lakeview Firehouse** – 211 23rd Ave.
4. **Madison Ave Firehouse** – 850 Madison Ave.
5. **Northside Firehouse** – 48 Temple Street
6. **Riverside Firehouse** – 236 Lafayette Street
7. **Southside Firehouse** – 124 Getty Ave.

Other serving locations could include: 90 Delaware Ave and 200 Sheridan Ave.

*Plan is subject to change.