

Provision of School Nutrition Benefits and Services for Eligible Students

According to the NJDOE broadcast dated 3/5/20 titled “Guidance regarding requirements for public health-related school closure,” one of the requirements of the health-related closure plan is to prepare for provision of school nutrition benefits and services for eligible students. All identified free and reduced lunch students will be provided with a daily school lunch as noted in the following plan from Maureen Remner, Sodexo School Services General Manager.

Sodexo Food Services Health-related Emergency Preparedness Plan

Purpose: The food service preparedness plan is in response to the possibility of school building closure during a health-related emergency. District At-Risk youth will be provided a nutritious lunch option. All meals will follow the National School Lunch guidelines provided by the USDA. In planning the menu, consideration has been made for local distributors (milk and bread) who may not have product or manpower available for delivery during the time frame of need. In the event items are not available, alternative menu items will be provided. Most of the items listed below can be stored in district for extended periods of time if necessary.

Plan: Meals will be prepared on site at the Lafayette Township School District, by Sodexo designated staff. If necessary, meals will be created at an alternative site, as well as pick up of meals. Meals will be available for pick-up at the main entrance, 11:00am to 1:00 pm. Students with specific allergies will be identified and receive a modification of the menu. Menu is subject to change as communication with local vendors is ongoing.

Meals provided: Lunch

Lunch options:

Sandwich or Wrap (Cheese, Ham & Cheese, Tuna Salad) or Hot Meal of the day

Monday-Pasta/Meat Sauce

Tuesday-Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla

Wednesday-Pulled BBQ Pork on a Bun

Thursday-Ham, Egg and Cheese on a Bagel

Friday-Cheese Pizza

Bundled with whole fruit (apple, orange), veggie sticks, and milk (alternative option: apple juice)

We will continue to monitor district food service vendors and availability of goods across the State daily keeping in communication with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. Food service staffing for preparation and distribution will be based on needs (location, anticipated volume).