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House Districts 48 & 49

DOE to Provide Free Breakfast and Lunch to Children in Need

This document will be updated as necessary.

Due to the closure and extended spring break of public and charter schools, the School Food Service Branch (SFSB) will be providing breakfast and lunch to children who are 18 years or younger. There are currently 38 schools in the State providing this service. Students will be able to stop by one of the designated schools to pick up a grab-and-go meal.

The following schools in the Windward district will provide these meals on weekdays until Friday, April 3rd. Most of these schools will start serving meals on **Monday, March 23rd**, with the exception of **Kailua Elementary School** that will begin on **Tuesday, March 24th** (meals will not be served on the Prince Kuhio Holiday, Thursday, March 26th).

Kahalu'u Elementary School
Kahuku High & Intermediate School
Kailua Elementary School (starts on Tuesday, March 24th)
King Intermediate School
Waimanalo Elementary & Intermediate School

Breakfast Service Hours: 7:30am – 8:00am (Due to food safety, the meal must be consumed by 10:00am)

Lunch Service Hours: 11:30am – 12:00pm (Due to food safety, the meal must be consumed by 2:00pm)

To minimize interactions between the staff and the community, the following steps will be taken:

- All meals will be placed in a container with all the meal components. Single-serving portions of milk will also be arranged for easy access.
- Packaged meals will be located outside of the cafeteria, preferably closest to a driveway or other natural access point on the campus. There will be no public access to the cafeteria.
- Individual(s) will need to pick up their container and leave (inspecting of the items in the containers or loitering will not be allowed)

If you have any questions, please contact Albert Scales, Program Administrator for the School Food Services Branch, at (808) 784-5500 or via email to albert.scales@k12.hi.us.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- Does my child need to be present to pick up the meal or can I (parent) pick up the meal for them?
 - Yes, your child(ren) needs to be present. Your child(ren) can wait in the car, staff at the school just need to be able to see them.
- Does my child need to provide any information/student IDs at pick up?
 - No documentation is necessary for meal pick up.
- How long will the DOE be offering this service?
 - At this point, grab and go meals will tentatively end on Friday, April 3rd.
 However, should school closures be extended further, we will inform you if the food service program will also get extended.
- If my child goes to a school not listed, can they still show up to receive food?
 - Yes, students can go to any of the participating schools even if they do not attend that specific school.
- Will students not on free or reduced lunch have access to this service as well?
 - Yes, all students will have access to this service.
- Will meals be available for other children that are not school age (ex., a 2 year old sibling)?
 - Yes, these programs are meant to serve students ages 0-18, but <u>do not</u> serve adults. Meals are also available for special needs children up to age 22.
- How should families line up if there is a wait or line?
 - It depends on the site, but the staff will try to create social distancing. We ask for your patience and encourage you to listen to school personnel, especially in the beginning as schools figure out their distribution process.
- Will families be turned away if someone is showing symptoms?
 - At this point, the school staff will not be doing any symptom checks, but if you are showing symptoms, please stay at home to not put others at risk.
- Will there be allergy warnings for the food?
 - There will be no signage, but all meals do not contain peanuts and were made in peanuts-free facilities. All other allergens are possible. If there are any concerns, please talk with the school staff or reach out to the DOE School Food Services Branch at (808) 784-5500.

Visit the DOE COVID-19 website for information on additional participating schools:

http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ConnectWithUs/MediaRoom/PressReleases/Pages/COVID-19-Information-Updates.aspx