

Subject: Fulton County Schools Implements Free School Meals Greetings Families,

Thanks to the temporary expansion of Child Nutrition Waivers, USDA has approved flexibilities to support meal distribution due to COVID-19. Fulton County Schools will continue to provide free meals to all children 18 & under, or under the age of 21 for youth with special needs. All children, regardless of school enrollment or meal eligibility status, can receive free meals.

Students attending school face-to-face will receive free meals during their school's scheduled mealtimes. Nutritious and delicious student favorites will be provided at breakfast and lunch. At breakfast, this includes one entrée, one fruit, one juice, and/or milk. At lunch, this includes one entrée, two vegetables, one fruit, and/or milk. Meals will be accounted for using a no-contact cashiering method. Breakfast and lunch meals at school, do NOT need to be pre-ordered. To view the breakfast and lunch menus, visit www.fcsnutrition.com.

Students will be charged for any extra sale items they order such as additional entrees, additional sides, or bottled water. For contactless transactions, families are encouraged to load funds to their student's account through <u>MyPaymentsPlus</u>. Student Meal Barcodes will be used to purchase extra sale items. Visit <u>https://nutrition.fultonschools.org/BarCode</u> and follow the on-screen instructions to receive your Student Meal Barcode.

There are two ways of picking up grab & go meal kits: Curbside Pick-Up OR Bus Stop Pick-Up.

- Curbside Pick-Up will be available at 95 Fulton County Schools on Wednesdays from 11:00-1:00. Curbside Pick-Up provides an opportunity for families to drive-thru and pick-up free grab & go meal kits for all children 18 & under. Pick-up a free grab & go meal kit from any Fulton County School near you. Children do not have to be present to receive a free grab & go meal kit. A student's ID number is not needed to receive a free grab & go meal kit. To maximize social distancing, drivers are not to leave their vehicles; however, walk-ups are allowed. For a full listing of Curbside Pick-Up Locations please visit <u>HERE</u>.
- Bus Stop Pick-Up is available at designated locations on Wednesdays from 10:45-12:00. For families unable to pick-up grab & go meal kits at a school, Bus Stop locations serve as another option to pick-up free grab & go meal kits. Pick-up a free grab & go meal kit from any of the designated Bus Stop locations near you. Children do not have to be present to receive a free grab & go meal kit. A student's ID number is not needed to receive a free grab & go meal kit. Due to the amount of food provided, please bring something to help you carry the meal kit(s) home. For a full listing of designated Bus Stop Pick-Up Locations please visit <u>HERE</u>.

Families need to pre-order grab & go meal kits each week. Grab & go meal kits need to be pre-ordered online by Tuesday at 11:59 p.m. Non-FCS students must also complete the pre-order form to help with order forecasting. Grab & go meal kits will continue to be free for all children 18 & under. Families will

provide the number of requested grab & go meal kits and choose from a list of pick-up locations, Curbside from a Fulton County School OR at a designated Bus Stop. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the online pre-order form.

Each grab & go meal kit will contain 10 meals - five breakfasts and five lunches - to feed students until the next meal kit distribution. Grab & go meal kits contain a variety of kid-friendly choices such as whole-grain rich breakfast cereals, 100% fruit juice, and assorted fresh fruits and vegetables. Grab & go meal kits also include reheat-ready choices such as whole-grain rich grilled cheese sandwiches. Meal safety, reheating instructions, and a menu are provided in the meal kit.

Even though all students will temporarily receive free meals, households are strongly encouraged to complete a Free & Reduced Meal application. If there is an interruption in benefits or the household does not reapply, the household is responsible for payment of meals until the application is approved. Once the extension of USDA waivers expires, students will be charged for their meals based on their meal eligibility status (free, reduced, or full pay). A new application must be completed every school year. The application deadline is September 28th, 2020. Visit www.fulton.schoollunchapp.com to begin the online Free & Reduced Meal application.

We appreciate your assistance and will coordinate this effort as efficiently as possible, but our goal remains to feed the students while keeping potential exposure to the community as limited as possible. For more information regarding Fulton County School Nutrition please visit <u>www.fcsnutrition.com</u>.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Fulton County School Nutrition Program at 470-254-8960 or schoolnutrition@fultonschools.org.

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