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Visalia Unified's Nutritional Service Department would like to thank the concerned parents that made us aware of an issue with a quesadilla product that was part of the Grab-n-Go meal kit.

We contacted the manufacturer and they assured us there are no food safety issues with the quesadillas and the product passed their quality control inspections before shipment.

The manufacturer consulted with their lab and was informed that the discoloration is due to the higher iron content in the whole grain flours used to make the tortilla of the quesadilla. When these high iron wheat flours are exposed to higher moisture environments (such as thawing during refrigeration), it can cause the iron to move to the surface of the tortilla resulting in a dark/gray color. They confirmed that the discoloration was not due to mold.

As a result, Visalia Unified has changed its packing process to keep frozen products in the freezer for a longer period prior to serving on Mondays.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this unprecedented time.