

COVID-19 Free Meal Program Frequently Asked Questions

Warsaw Community Schools is pleased to be able to provide meals at no charge due to schools closing. As the need continues to increase, it may be necessary to modify distribution of free meals to families. Please see below for answers to frequently asked questions.

Do I qualify for the free meals? The free meal program during COVID-19 is the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) funded by the USDA to help those most in need of meal assistance during school closures. Any child up through age 18 may receive the free meals. You do not have to be a student at Warsaw Community Schools or be on Free or Reduced meals throughout the school year to qualify and pick up the free meals. Registration is required for the first time pick up only. It is against USDA regulations for any child to receive meals from more than one location or school district offering the free meal program. Adults are not eligible.

How will it work? Each Monday until further notice, families are encouraged arrive at Lakeview Middle School between the hours of 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Children registered will receive a grocery bag of meals for five days. An ID of either the household adult or a WCS student will be required. Under normal circumstances these meals must be consumed at the serving site but due to social distancing orders the USDA has granted a special waiver to allow families to take the meals home.

NOTE: Protect our staff and your family by maintaining social distancing. No walk-ups will be allowed for meals. Everyone remains in vehicle, no exceptions.

Can someone else pick up my child's meals? Yes, if you are unable to pick up the meals for your child(ren) simply email Marci Franks at mfranks@warsawschools.org to provide the name of the person who will be picking the meals up for you.

How do I register my child? Register at [Meal Pick Up Registration](#) Families will need to register the first time only to reserve their weekly meals for each child in the household. After the family has registered, we will automatically reserve the same number of meals for the family each week. Please note that to allow time for ordering and preparation we may need to limit registration of new requests to the hours of 5:00 PM Monday thru 5:00 PM Thursday for meal pick up at Lakeview. If already registered, it is not necessary to register again.

What if I missed the registration deadline? If you were not able to register your child for the first time due to the registration period closing you may come to Lakeview Middle School at the end of the meal period, between 3:45 and 4:00. If additional meals are available we will ask you to fill out a registration form to take meals home with you. If no meals are available, we will provide you with contacts of community organizations providing additional resources.

What about Door to Door? Current door-to-door delivery is reserved for WCS families who are without transportation. If your children do not attend Warsaw Community Schools please contact Marci Franks to provide further guidance. Door-to-Door meal delivery is Monday only with each child provided five days of meals. [Door to Door Delivery Instructions](#) Please note that to allow time for ordering and preparation we must limit registration of new requests to the hours of 5:00 PM Monday thru 5:00 PM Thursday for door to door delivery. If already registered, it is not necessary to register again.

What do the meals consist of? Each bag will include five breakfasts and five lunches. All meals follow the USDA nutritional guidelines for students. There will be heating instructions included if necessary. We are excited and thankful to partner with local restaurants who will prepare certain food items for the meal bags.

How long will the meals be offered? Curbside and delivery services for the 5 days of meals are scheduled to continue through Monday, May 18, 2020. Meal services provided beyond that date will be posted on the Warsaw Community Schools Food & Nutrition website at www.wcsfoodandnutrition.org

Questions? Email mfranks@warsawschools.org

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