



PRESS RELEASE

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USDA Extends Free Meals for Kids

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the ability of local school systems to provide free meals to all children through December 31, 2020. The flexibilities allow summer meal program operators, such as Jackson County Schools, to continue serving free meals to all children into the fall months.

This extension will allow Jackson County Schools to continue to provide meals to any child, 18 years of age and under. As the school year begins, school cafeterias will resume operations by serving meals to those students attending school and providing a meal pick-up service for identified students.

Students participating in the virtual school program, and students involved in remote learning, are eligible to place an order to pick-up a meal at the school closest to their home. Meals will be available for pick-up at schools, beginning on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each school day.

Home school students are also eligible to participate in the meal program until December 31, 2020. A meal order may be placed with a nearby school for pick-up beginning on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each school day.

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