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Please DO NOT call 9-1-1 for information on COVID-19. [Click Here](#) for the latest from Texas DSHS. You can contact DSHS directly by dialing 2-1-1 (option 6), from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily, or by emailing them at coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov

Dear Providers,

Southwest hopes everyone had a fun and safe Memorial Day holiday! A reminder: We provide a blanket exemption for all kids during summer vacation so there's no need to note school excuses for June-Aug. Here are your notes for June:

1) Non-Congregate Meal Service has been extended until August 31st

In response to Nationwide Waivers allowing meal service flexibilities at day care homes during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Texas Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Texas CACFP Sponsor's Association, provides the following policy and procedures for implementing Non-Congregate Feeding in Texas. Due to the COVID-19 crisis and the mandate to maintain social distancing, day care homes in Texas that have ceased day care operations but wish to continue to serve meals to children may operate under temporary non-congregate guidelines and deliver meals using either a Grab-n-Go or home delivery option. Meals delivered to a home must have written consent from the household to do so. Children who receive meals from their day care home may not also receive the same meals from another federally supported feeding site, such as a school or other community organization site. Parents/guardians must be informed they may not receive duplicate meals for their child(ren). To ensure minimal contact with parents/guardians during meal pick up, sites must display this [poster](#) that explains the prohibition of duplicate meals. Non-Congregate Feeding Policy for Child/Adult Care Sites:

- Meal pattern requirements must be adhered to – if components are

unavailable, [a Meal Pattern Waiver request must be submitted to TDA](#). As usual, all meal components must be recorded on menu records, and all meal counts and attendance must be documented in the method normally used by the day care home.

- Parents/guardians may pick up meals for enrolled children without their children present if they provide sufficient proof of guardianship. A DCH may use their normal validation efforts to meet this requirement. Parents/guardians may only pick up meals for their own children, and meals may only be served and claimed for eligible children who are enrolled at the day care home.
- Facilities must ensure meals delivered to a child's parents/guardians using a Grab-nGo option are documented.
- Day care homes may also offer to provide more than one meal or snack at the same time. The day care home must notify the sponsor of the non-congregate method chosen prior to implementation.

[Click Here for the Non-Congregate Meal Service Survey](#)

2) 3.6 million Texas kids who lost free school meals will receive new 'pandemic' food benefit

On May 12, the U.S. Department of Agriculture approved for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to access more than \$1 billion in food benefits via the federal Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program (P-EBT). P-EBT is designed to replace the value of free and reduced-priced meals children missed when schools were closed due to COVID-19. ([Read More](#)) | [How to Apply for P-EBT](#) | [P-EBT FAQs](#)

3) Texas Census Response Lags the Nation

Only 53 percent of Texas households have responded to the 2020 Census, compared to the national average of 58 percent.

There are three ways to be counted - [online](#), by [phone](#), or by [mail](#). With the current COVID-19 situation, the first two options are best and everyone should be aware of [census-related scams](#).

If you have not yet completed the once-in-a-decade survey, please do so and encourage others to do so as well. It typically only takes a few minutes and is critically important to a fast-growing state like Texas.

[\(Read More\)](#)

[CDC Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President's Plan for Opening America Up Again](#)

[Covid-19 Links](#)

[Governor Abbott Announces Phase One To Open Texas](#)

[Governors Report to Open Texas \(Full Report - PDF\)](#)

[CDC Guidance for Child Care](#)

[CACFP Social Distancing Webinar](#)

[FNS Response to COVID-19](#)

[Texas Health and Human Services Covid-19 Page](#)

[Coronavirus Loans for Small Business](#)

[Texas Workforce Commission Covid-19 info page](#)

[Covid-19 Food Safety Resources](#)

[No Kid Hungry Best Practices](#)

[The Institute of Child Nutrition Covid-19 Prevention Page](#)

[Tom Copeland Blog: An Update on the Financial Impact of the COVID-19 on Family Child Care Providers](#)

Kidkare is now offering eForms! Enroll kids and have the parents sign and activate them all online! If you are interested email the Austin office at info@swhuman.org or call us at 1-800-369-9082 to enable your account! [Click Here](#) to learn more about eForms.

Food Program Resources:

[CACFP Crediting Handbook](#)

[CACFP Reimbursement Rates](#)

[Income Standards For Determining Program Eligibility](#)

[WIC Eligibility Information](#)

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[Help with Scantron Forms](#)

[Click here for Upcoming Workshops](#)

Upcoming Workshop Dates: Due to Covid-19 all Workshops have been cancelled until further notice.

Team Nutrition

Team Nutrition is an initiative of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to support the child nutrition programs through training and technical assistance for food service, nutrition education for children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity.

[Team Nutrition Resources for Child Care](#)

News From Cacfp.org:

Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of sugar per 6 ounces. [#MealPatternMonday](#). [#CACFP](#)

For a sweet snack, but 100% healthy and natural, try [Common Threads](#) Carrot Apple Raisin Salad. There are almost 200 other recipes on their website, too! bit.ly/3dlfs4n [#CACFPally](#)

Need new activities for your family child care home or to share with parents to do at home? [American Heart Association](#) has an infographic to get kids moving around inside. Download the Spanish or English sheet - bit.ly/3dqmAw6 [#CACFPally](#)

Children can receive meals through both the [#CACFP](#) and Summer Meals program as long as they are not the same meals. Children who get served breakfast, snack, and supper while at their [#CACFP](#) provider site can also get lunch from the [#SFSP](#). To find service areas, type your location or address into the interactive map to find directions to nearby sites as well as hours of operation and contact information.

<https://bit.ly/36yeEXg>

[Click Here](#) for this Months Parent Provider Connection Letter!

Mealtime Memo:

Mealtime Memo for Child Care offers information for child care providers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, focused on good nutrition for young children.

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