

**Immediate Release**  
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**Columbus City Schools Enhances Food Distribution Plan**  
***44 Grab-and-Go sites Now Offering Freshly Prepared Meals***



Columbus City Schools (CCS) is upgrading how it provides food for students at its 44 Fuel Up! Meal sites across the District with new enhanced options for families.

Beginning Monday, November 2, the District will add a Monday through Friday grab-and-go option from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with more traditional menu items. The meals will include freshly prepared hot and cold items such as pizza, hamburgers, lasagna rolls, salads, fresh fruits and vegetables, muffins, juice, and milk. During this time, families will also be able to pick up the next day's breakfast.

Also, new, take-home meals will be available to support students on the weekends and holidays.

The District will continue to offer families the convenience of picking up a five-day meal pack once a week, on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. In compliance with federal guidelines, families who

choose to pick up a five-day meal pack on Wednesdays will not be eligible to pick up a daily meal over the next five (5) calendar days.

Grab-and-go meals are for any student under 18 years of age.

“We continue to provide an unprecedented level of food service for our families during this COVID crisis,” said Superintendent/CEO Dr. Talisa Dixon. “ We heard from our families that they wanted expanded options. This new model will provide a variety of meals and choices for our families throughout the week.”

Since the start of the District’s Grab-and-Go food site effort at the beginning of this pandemic last March, the CCS Food Services team has provided more than two million meals to young people throughout our entire community.

“That’s millions of free healthy breakfasts and lunches that Columbus families didn’t have to worry about for their children as they dealt with the uncertainty of the COVID-19 crisis,” said Food Services Director Joe Brown.

Visit [ccsoh.us/reopening](https://ccsoh.us/reopening) to download a map with the 44 meal site locations



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