

SERVING FOOD SAFELY: SCHOOL MEAL & SNACK PROGRAMS 2020-21

The following information can be used when planning and implementing a school meal or snack program for the 2020-21 school year. Not all recommendations may apply to all schools or divisions. Adapting meal and snack programs to meet new guidelines and recommendations will be an ongoing process. Take steps to ensure your processes are based on the most up-to-date and reliable information.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Physical distancing of two metres or six feet between all individuals should occur whenever reasonably possible in a school setting.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- The number of students attending a program at one time
- Student distance while eating
- Students lining up to get food at a program
- Distance while preparing, delivering and serving food
- Moving tables and chairs away from doorways and crowded areas

SUGGESTIONS BASED ON TYPE OF PROGRAMMING

GRAB & GO

- Have students line up with an appropriate distance between each student and the food area
- Try marking the floor with tape or having signs on the wall that students can line up beside
- Have students approach the food area one at a time
- Have lineups for food be an appropriate distance away from other high traffic areas or doorways

MEAL OR SNACK ROOM

- Consider staggering access to the room to allow for cohorts to stay together as much as possible
- Have students approach the food area one at a time or have food delivered to each student at their seat
 - Consider having everyone seated until they are called up to get their food
- If students are lining up, ensure an appropriate distance between each student and the food area
 - Try marking the floor with tape or having signs on the wall that students can line up beside
- Have students eat in a designated seat
 - Suggest students make their own sign for their spot
 - Consider having students from the same household sit together to save space

CLASSROOM

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