

# 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.

## CLEANING AND SANITIZING

The best source of information related to cleaning and sanitizing will be your school/school division health and safety requirements and recommendations from public health officials.

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

- How and when will thorough cleaning and disinfecting take place to meet policies and standards?
- Will disposable dishes be used or can reusable dishes be safely sanitized?
- How will hand washing and hygiene practices for staff, volunteers and students be communicated and monitored?

### SUGGESTIONS BASED ON TYPE OF PROGRAMMING

Your school or division may have specific guidelines that you are required to follow. The following suggestions may help make decisions on applying your guidelines to specific meal and snack program environments.

#### GRAB & GO

- Have a hand washing station or hand sanitizer available by the food pick up area.
- Wipe the area where food will be served before and after use.
- Sanitize areas where students will be eating (like a picnic table outside or other common areas)
- Ensure all waste is disposed of properly.

#### MEAL/SNACK ROOM OR CLASSROOM

- Have a hand washing station or hand sanitizer available.
- Wipe down the area where food will be served before and after use.
- Wipe down the area where students eat before and after use.
- Ensure all waste is disposed of properly.
- Ensure used dishes and utensils are disposed of or cleaned by designated staff.
- Use of disposable dishes and utensils may be needed.

### LINKS TO CREDIBLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- [Manitoba Education](#)
- [Province of Manitoba- COVID-19](#)
- [Government of Canada- COVID-19](#)
- [Canadian Food Inspection Agency- COVID-19](#)

