



COVID19 SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM SUMMARY (2020)

The purpose of this summary is to explain the federally funded curbside Summer Meal Service in which many of Summer Meal program sites are now participating. The Summer Food Service Program that is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides healthy meals for low-income youth (aged 18 and under) who are food insecure during the summer months.

St. Vincent de Paul is a “sponsor” of the Summer Food Service Program and serves youth at more than 30 meal sites in **Baltimore County, Baltimore City and Howard County** during the summer months and during the school year due to the COVID19 closings of schools.

What are “Grab and Go Meals”? These meals are prepared by our social enterprise KidzTable in our production kitchen and include the following:

1. **Lunch Offerings** – sandwich, piece of fruit, a vegetable, and milk
2. **Breakfast Offerings** – a grain (cereal, muffin...), piece of fruit and milk

We package the grab and go meals with both lunch and breakfast packed in the same paper bag.

In each of these bags are the two meals that each youth 18 and under can have every day through the Summer Meals Program.

We offer sites the option to serve one- or two-days’ worth of meals Monday through Friday.

Meal Delivery: An hour and a half delivery window is set for every Summer Meal site. Meals are delivered by our drivers and in our temperature-controlled trucks.

Some Summer Food Service Program Guidelines are Relaxed

because of COVID19: The federal government has relaxed some of the rules for "Summer Meals" during the COVID19 time in the following ways:

- You can distribute the grab and go meals curbside
- There is no need to have any programming for youth associated with the meal distribution
- Any child or the child's parent can collect the meals for the children
- The meals do not need to be consumed at your site

Continued Need for Accountability in the Summer Meals Program:

Each site coordinator must fill out a "Point of Service" sheet for every meal served to the youth in your program. This is submitted to our staff and then forwarded to the state and federal governments as proof of serving the federally funded meals. It is imperative that site coordinators complete this meal tally at the time of meal service and send the Point of Service sheets to us in a timely way.

COVID 19 Personal and Food Safety Measures: In order to protect the safety of the children whom you serve and your staff, all Summer Meal sites are required to serve the meals in a way that complies with COVID19 public health safety guidelines and general food safety guidelines. We will send all Summer Meals sites detailed specifications as to how to serve these meals in a way that adheres to federal guidelines.

How to Determine if Your Site Can be Served by St. Vincent de Paul/
KidzTable.

Each site must submit a **Summer Food Service Program Application** to our contacts listed below. Then the next steps include:

1. Our staff determines if all the information is included in the form
2. Check to see if the criteria by which we select sites are met:
 - At least 30 youth a day would be receiving Summer Meals
 - Site has the capacity (staff and facility) to operate the meal program
 - Site is near or in a current delivery route of our Summer Meals sites
 - St. Vincent de Paul has the capacity to make these meals.

How To Reach Us for More Information: Please call either one of the St. Vincent de Paul Healthy food Access staff for more information:

- **Kathy Shulman, Director, Healthy Food Access**, at 410-303-5037 or through email at Kathy.shulman@vincentbaltimore.org
- **Carrie Martin, the Healthy Food Access VISTA:** 423-619-2794 or through email at carrie.martin@vincentbaltimore.org