

RESPONSES TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS
CACFP DELIVERY OF MEALS & SNACKS
RFP#2021-06
Q & A

ISSUED ON 08/19/2021

Question #1:

We deliver ready-to-eat meals at the appropriate temperature every day. Is this what you are interested in? The RFP seemed to imply you expect cold food to be reheated. We could deliver the food cold to be reheated – do all the locations have the ability to reheat?

Answer #1:

We are interested in ready-to-eat meals that are delivered bulk which the food handlers can portion out.

Question #2:

For both quality and cost purposes, we provide food in bulk, to be plated on site. Is this of interest? Chart A indicates you want unitized meals, which we do not provide.

Answer #2:

We are interested in ready-to-eat meals that are delivered bulk which food handlers can portion out. Plates, silverware, cups, etc. would need to accompany the bulk meal.

Question #3:

You list 7-8 AM as the delivery time. Because we are delivering hot lunches, we need to deliver later in the day to ensure temperature retention. Is this acceptable?

Answer #3:

Meals should be delivered in the scheduled time windows but transported in appropriate temperature holding containers.

Question #4:

We deliver cold breakfast the day before to be stored overnight and served the next morning. Is this acceptable?

Answer #4:

It would be acceptable to deliver cold breakfast the day prior.

Question #5:

Chart A shows 160 children but A.5, which lists all 17 locations, has 588. What is the correct number? What is your current enrollment vs. pre-pandemic enrollment? How do you forecast enrollment changing this fall?

Answer #5:

There will be an estimated 160 children. We are planning for full enrollment for the new school year, and we are not counting infants in this estimated count that eat baby food provided by UPO. OSSE required us to include the number of meals total for each center per day, that would be breakfast, lunch, and snack which explains the number difference. Prior to COVID our head count has went up as high at 260 children. The count is variant depending on number of infants and enrollment.

Question #6:

A.5 does not list any Healthy Tots locations; do you have any?

Answer #6:

All of our centers are considered to be participants of Healthy Tots.

Question #7:

Is the Pandemic Safety Form intended to be signed by all employees who will serve the UPO? What form of doctor's note is acceptable?

Answer #7:

The Pandemic Safety Form is a self-report form at the time of signing. It should be completed/signed by all vendor employees who will be part of the food production, whether it be cooking, packaging or delivery. We do not need any individual medical records.

The expectation is that the individual and/or the vendor will follow CDC protocols. If an employee is in contact with someone who is positive or contracts COVID19, the individual will be pulled from food production or delivery for the time necessary to determine that he/she is negative for the virus.