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## Frequently Asked Questions – School Dining

### **Under typical circumstances, cafeterias get very crowded. How will you ensure a safe dining environment for students this school year, as a response to Covid-19?**

Keeping students safe while eating with us is our #1 priority. We are constantly working closely alongside Administration to prepare and evolve our dining operations to respond to changing needs. Our key areas of focus will be to:

- Introduce more classroom dining; this will help avoid crowds in the cafeteria, when possible
- Use disposable food service items; if non-disposable items are used, they will be handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water, or in a dishwasher
- Offer pre-packaged boxes or bags; this will help avoid sharing food and utensils
- Close or minimize communal spaces; otherwise, keep physical distance of at least 6 feet apart, add physical barriers such as plastic flexible screens if needed, and stagger use of these spaces, while cleaning and disinfecting between use

### **Will my child have access to school meals, regardless of the school's reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year – whether at school or in-home learning?**

Yes. Regardless of the school's reopening plan, the High School will be open to allow families to pick-up meals. There are grab-and-go meal options available at the following location:

- High School
- Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 11am – 12pm
- Extra meals will be provided for the non-pick up days
- Peters Township School District Lunch Order Form must be filled out which can be found on the school website under Food Service

We want to ensure that every student is fed throughout the school year. Your student may be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Visit the [USDA site](#) for eligibility guidelines. Applications must be submitted each school year. It's easy – Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. Information requested on the application will be used only to determine eligibility. For more information on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, please contact Chelsey Hollway at 724-941-6251 x.7209.

### **What will the dining options be at the start of the school year, for breakfast and lunch?**

To help ensure the safety of our students, we have modified our service style to reflect the school's reopening plan. We have made changes with equipment and labor, as well as adapted our menus and packaging to align with each service style.

- Breakfast: Is available through a la carte items to High School students before the start of school.



**How many students will be allowed in the cafeteria once students are back in school?**

We are currently limiting the number of students that enter the cafeteria at any given time. In the cafeteria at the Middle School and High School, seating has been arranged to be at least 6 feet apart. Students in grades K-6 will eat in their classrooms with desks 6 feet apart.

**What measures are the cafeteria employees taking to ensure a safe and clean environment?**

Our Aramark Covid-19 training and tools include a robust re-opening plan that all managers must review with their employees. This includes instructions on cleaning procedures and products, social distancing guidance, workplace hygiene, personal protective equipment, and employee health checks.

**What measures is the school taking to keep food surfaces, furniture (tables and chairs), and equipment clean?**

Cleanliness and food safety are a priority for our cafeteria staff. They are trained weekly on following proper safety practices, while implementing increased measures unique to Covid-19. The school cleaning staff is continuously cleaning and disinfecting community spaces. They are trained on appropriate use of cleaning and disinfection chemicals and provided with the personal protective equipment (PPE) required.