

Jackson County School Nutrition Emergency Meal Service Plan

The Jackson County School System has been working hard to ensure our students receive nutrition while honoring the Georgia Department of Public Health’s recommendation for social distancing during the COVID-19 situation.

In partnership with Family Connection, iServe Ministries, local churches, and food banks, JCSS and our school Nutrition Department have already provided foods and resources to serve more than 74,000 pounds of food to meet the needs of families in our community.

We used this method of service initially to ensure children could receive food without requiring them to leave their homes, as well as to minimize the health risk to some of our most vulnerable residents. Going forward, our plan will bring food to the communities with the greatest need without requiring children to leave their homes on a daily basis.

Out of the abundance of care and consideration for our community and our seasoned staff, we have given much thought to the best way to continue serving the basic meal needs of our deserving families during the unscheduled school closure.

We are very conscience of the Georgia Public Health guidance that recommends exercising social distancing, and with those guidelines in mind we will begin providing multiple-day pick up of breakfast and lunch for students on Monday, March 23, at one fixed location and on three mobile routes. The meals are available to any child 18 years old or younger.

JCSS will provide meals at no cost to students during the closure caused by the COVID-19 virus. Students will receive breakfast and lunch meals simultaneously for multiple days.

Meals will be offered on Mondays for three days (six meal periods), and on Thursdays for four days (eight meal periods) at no cost through the USDA Seamless Summer Option Program.

Meal Service Locations

FIXED LOCATION: Meals for multiple days will be available for pickup on Mondays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 12 noon in the cafeteria parking lot at East Jackson Comprehensive High School, 1435 Hoods Mill Road, Commerce, GA 30529.

MOBILE ROUTES: Locations and times for Monday and Thursday multiple-day meal pickup include three routes with three stops each:

Route 1	Location	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Stop 1	South Jackson Elementary School 1630 New Kings Bridge Road Athens, GA 30607	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
Stop 2	Oak Grove 1944 Oak Grove Road Athens, GA 30607	10:45 AM	11:15 AM
Stop 3	Rock Forge 3661 Athens Highway Athens, GA 30607	11:30 AM	12:00 Noon

Route 2	Location	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Stop 1	Ivey Plantation 56 Pine Ridge Place Nicholson, GA 30565	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
Stop 2	Fox Chase 503 Jim David Road Nicholson, GA 30565	10:45 AM	11:15 AM
Stop 3	Short Cut New Harmony Church 8616 Hwy 334 Nicholson, GA 30565	11:30 AM	12:00 Noon

Route 3	Location	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Stop 1	Maysville Elementary 9270 Highway 82 Spur Maysville, GA 30558	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
Stop 2	Pleasant Acres 30 Hale Road Maysville, GA 30558	10:45 AM	11:15 AM
Stop 3	Fountain Drive 4415 Fountain Drive Gillsville, GA 30543	11:30 AM	12:00 Noon

Meal Distribution Details – Please Read Carefully

- Meal pick up on Mondays will include food for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; pick up on Thursdays will include food for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- All meals, breakfast and lunch, will be Grab-N-Go. There will be no cafeteria seating or school entry.
- *Students must be present to get their meals. Parents will not be allowed to pick up meals for their child/children who are not present.*
- Students must take the entire meal, choices will not be provided.
- No adult meals will be available. Service is only for children 18 years old and younger.

More Community Meal Service and Resources

The following community partners have provided us information about additional services:

- **Banks-Jackson Emergency Food Bank** is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 141 Atlanta Ave., Commerce, GA 30529
- **United Way of Northeast Georgia's [211 Helpline](https://www.unitedwaynega.org/get-help-2-1-1-program)** can help connect families to a variety of resources at <https://www.unitedwaynega.org/get-help-2-1-1-program> or call 211 from your phone.
- **iServe Ministries** provides a mobile food pantry on the second Saturday of each month in Commerce in the parking lot of Lanier Technical College, 631 S. Elm St., Commerce; and on the third Tuesday of each month in the parking lot of Pendergrass Flea Market, 5641 US 129 N, Jefferson.