



FLORIDA

## No Kid Hungry Responds: Coronavirus

As part of our coronavirus relief and recovery efforts, we're providing emergency grants to schools, food banks and community partners across the country. We also successfully urged Congress to release emergency SNAP funds for low-income families, and are continuing to advocate for a strong response from federal, state and local lawmakers and agencies.

As the situation evolves, we're tailoring our response to meet communities' changing needs.

This is what No Kid Hungry does every day, both in times of crisis and not. We remove obstacles to get kids the meals they need. For the latest on our response, visit:

[www.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus](http://www.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus)



## No Kid Hungry Helps Communities

Schools may be closed due to the coronavirus, but we know that has not stopped communities from finding new ways to feed kids. And No Kid Hungry has been helping.

Our team of experts and network of consultants have provided technical assistance and support. We have:

- Helped schools and community organizations navigate and understand USDA waivers.
- Offered ideas around meal distribution, staff safety, staffing, planning for emergencies, communication, partnerships & more.
- Identified challenges and developed solutions.
- Shared best practices and lessons learned from school districts and community organizations across the state and country.

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## Where Our Grants Are Helping:

- The Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger is delivering weekly meal packs and groceries to kids who can't reach community feeding sites. They expect to deliver 5,000 meals each week.
- Duval County Public Schools is using our grant to feed kids healthy lunches and snacks while classrooms are closed.
- Hamilton County School District is delivering around 1,700 meals a day to kids in need who aren't able to reach meal pick-up sites.
- The Homestead Soup Kitchen is using funds to ensure that kids in their area can count on three healthy, hot meals a day while school is closed.
- Redlands Christian Migrant Association launched meal pick-up sites, where vulnerable families can receive bags of food. They also deliver to those who can't make it to the site.
- Monroe County School District is using funds to support a drive-thru meals site and delivering food to additional community centers.
- Second Harvest of the Big Bend food bank is distributing food to kids in need across 11 counties in northwest Florida.
- The United Farmers Alliance in Loxahatchee is using grant funds to create a farm to family pipeline of local foods that will support farmers and hungry children alike.
- Central Florida nonprofit 4Roots is supplementing existing meals sites and building a network of restaurants and caterers to help fight hunger.
- In Palm Beach Gardens, Little Smiles of Florida is delivering food to children living in a local shelter or facing other crises.
- Meals of Hope in Naples is getting fresh produce, frozen meats and vegetables, dairy and other staples to distribute through eight mobile food pantries across their region.
- Central Florida's Orange County Public Schools are operating 55 feeding sites throughout the county to provide an estimated 38,500 meals each day for hungry kids.

## Where Our Grants Are Helping (Continued):

- Palm Beach County School District's Food Service Department is using grant funds to operate 35 emergency feeding sites that expect to serve 40,000 meals a day.
- Salvation Army of Naples have expanded their work to feed an estimated 800 hungry kids that are losing meals due to school closures.
- The School Board of Miami-Dade County is using funds to purchase and distribute fresh produce to kids and their families as part of their grab-n-go meal program.
- The Thomas Promise Foundation is providing backpack meals for kids in need at 28 schools across Pasco County.
- Pace Center for Girls is using our grant to purchase food and deliver it to the homes of at-risk girls and their families across the state.
- Fort Pierce Seventh Day Adventist Church have mobilized their staff and volunteers to deliver meals to those without transportation to reach meal sites. They expect to serve 19,200 meals.
- The Florida State Alliance of YMCAs Foundation is using their No Kid Hungry grant to help local YMCAs in 37 counties provide meals to kids.
- The School District of Osceola County is using funds to get food, safety equipment and supplies to help their staff feed more kids.
- Santa Rosa County Schools is spending our grant on ice chests and food storage bags to safely deliver meals by bus to kids across their rural county.
- Leon County Schools is ensuring the safety of their Nutrition and Food Services staff by using our grant to purchase protective equipment and support their operations.

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## COVID-19 Resources

The No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices has created a suite of resources to help schools and community partners provide meals to kids during widespread school closures related to the coronavirus.

[Emerging Strategies & Tactics for Meal Service](#) – Details non-congregate meal serving strategies including drive thru or curbside distribution, walk-up distribution, mobile or bus route delivery and direct home delivery.

[Emergency Planning & Staff Safety Tips](#) – Highlights ideas for creating an emergency staffing plan, navigating and communicating changes to meal service operations and maintaining staff safety through meal preparation and distribution.

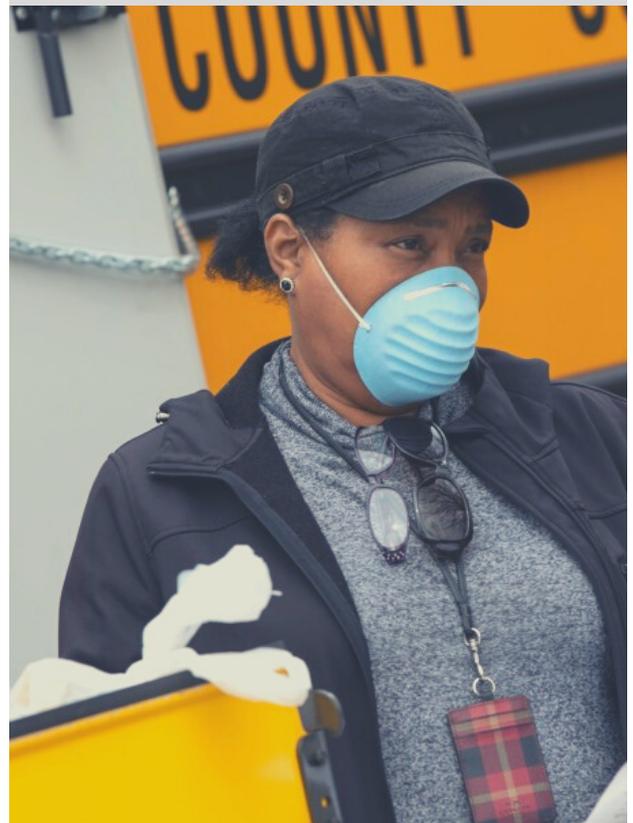
[FAQs on Child Nutrition Program Operations During School Closures](#) – Includes information related to new waiver authority given to the USDA through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and new flexibilities offered by nationwide waivers.

These resources and more are available on this actively updated page:

<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus>

No Kid Hungry extends our gratitude to everyone on the frontlines ensuring that kids don't go hungry during this crisis. Thank you to all of you who are working through these unprecedented circumstances.

We appreciate you!



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