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DCYF CELEBRATES 23RD ANNIVERSARY OF FREE SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM FOR SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN AND YOUTH

San Francisco, CA – This summer the [San Francisco Free Summer Meal Program](#) will continue to serve free, healthy meals and snacks to our City's children and youth during the months that school is not in session. This program is sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture and administered locally by the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF).

DCYF will continue its efforts to provide three free meals a day and snacks for the children and youth enrolled in the [City's emergency child and youth care program](#). On April 9, 2020, Mayor London N. Breed announced [San Francisco's emergency child and youth care centers will remain open until at least June 2](#) in order to support the City's first responders, healthcare workers, essential employees of the City & County of San Francisco, and essential public sector and nonprofit employees. The extension followed the San Francisco Unified School District announcement that public schools will not reopen until the fall. The program operates in partnership between DCYF, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, the Office of Early Care and Education, and community-based organizations serving children and youth across 53 sites.

"DCYF is deeply committed to providing three nutritious and shelf-stable meals for the children and youth in the emergency child and youth care program along with our community based organizations who are currently open and serving children across the City," said DCYF Executive Director Maria Su. "Providing universal meal access for children and youth during this time of crisis and uncertainty is a critical necessity to support our frontline workforce and those in need. We are proud to work rapidly with our City partners across public and private sectors to ensure that we support as many children and youth as possible during the COVID-19 outbreak."

DCYF is in the process of coordinating free summer meal open food distribution sites across the City within the operating requirements outlined in the public health order guidelines. These sites will be located across San Francisco neighborhoods and will serve free meals and snacks to children and youth ages 18 and under every Monday through Friday. Once available a complete list of program sites, addresses, and serving times will be available on the home page of the DCYF website: www.dcyf.org.

DCYF partners with the USDA Summer Food Service Program, the California Department of Education, Revolution Foods, the Board of Supervisors Food Security Task Force, SFUSD, City departments, and nonprofit organizations to administer the Summer Meals Program. DCYF also employs a team of trained program monitors to conduct regulatory visits at all serving sites throughout the summer.



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