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72% of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children in rural areas qualify for free/reduced lunch through the National School Lunch Program, making access to school meals a critical component of the food security network in Indian Country.<sup>1</sup> During the COVID-19 outbreak, many schools across the nation have shut down.<sup>2</sup> While school closures are an incredibly important preventative measure to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus and flatten the curve of infection, the decision to close schools can impact food security. Fortunately, schools across the country are using their administrative authorities and flexibility from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to continue meal service in innovative ways that respect social distancing protocols but ensure children still have access to meals.

To better direct families in Indian Country to specific resources serving Tribal communities, IFAI has begun compiling the following list. This is a working document that will be continue to be updated with Bureau of Indian Education school meal sites, individual Tribal Nation efforts to assist with meal service, and state school district meal options in counties with an AI/AN population of over 1%. These resources will continue to be updated as the situation with the novel coronavirus pandemic continues to change.

## **BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION SCHOOLS**

As of March 17th, 2020, 183 Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Schools have been closed.<sup>3</sup> BIE schools may provide meals for students during school closures and many have already begun doing this as of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Some schools are still on previously scheduled Spring Break periods but plan to provide meals on the day that school would have resumed. IFAI is working to maintain a complete list of links to information about each BIE school's meal service plan during this time. The following is a non-exhaustive list of resources that will be updated as we have more information. If you are a BIE school official and your school's information is missing, or you would like to add or update information, please reach out to IFAI Research Director Erin Parker by email at [esparker@uark.edu](mailto:esparker@uark.edu).

- **Alamo Navajo School Board**: Providing meals during school closures. Information is on their website for how to call and schedule meals. <https://www.ansbi.org/news-event>
- **Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School**: The school released a letter to families requesting information about needs for meal service during closures. Follow their website for more information. [http://www.bugonaygeshig.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_86408/File/Events2019-2020/SchoolClosureMessage1.pdf](http://www.bugonaygeshig.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_86408/File/Events2019-2020/SchoolClosureMessage1.pdf)

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<sup>1</sup> National Center for Education Statistics: Status and Trends in the Education of Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Table 7.5a.

<sup>2</sup> [edweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/map-coronavirus-and-school-closures.html](http://edweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/map-coronavirus-and-school-closures.html)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.bia.gov/covid-19/school-closures>



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- **Casa Blanca Community School:** Providing grab and go breakfast/lunch bags beginning Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Students 18 and younger are eligible; up to 500 bags/day will be distributed. Children must be present to receive lunch bags. <http://msswarriors.org/>
- **Cherokee Nation Schools (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians):** Preparing and distributing meals during school closures. Check their Facebook for details. <https://www.facebook.com/CherokeeCentralSchools/>
- **Chickasaw Nation:** Serving free meals for children 18 and under from March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> at 5 locations around the Chickasaw Nation. <https://chickasaw.net/News/Announcements/Spring-Break-Meals-for-Kids,-March-16-20.aspx>.
- **Chief Leschi Schools:** Contact information for school officials who can help set up meal service, is available on the school's website. <https://www.leschischools.org/>
- **Choctaw Tribal Schools (Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians):** The Choctaw Tribal Schools district is providing grab and go meal service during closures from March 16 to 20<sup>th</sup>. Follow their Facebook for more information. <https://www.facebook.com/choctawtribalschools/photos/a.154593998596008/534358230619581/?type=3&theater>
- **Crownpoint Community Schools:** Beginning March 23<sup>rd</sup>, grab and go lunch service will be available for students at the CCS building from 11am-12:30pm. [http://ccswarriors.bie.edu/assets/SKM\\_C654e20031814370.pdf](http://ccswarriors.bie.edu/assets/SKM_C654e20031814370.pdf)
- **Dilcon Community School:** The school held a special board meeting on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, to discuss school closures and the possibility of providing breakfast and lunch to students during closure. Contact school officials for more details. <http://www.dilconeagles.com/index.html>
- **Dishchii'bikoh Community School:** School meals will be served at designated locations. Check their website for specific information: <https://www.dishchiibikoh.org/apps/news/article/1189311>
- **Duckwater Shoshone Elementary School:** The Nye County School District will be providing breakfast and lunch to every child 18 and under using several different distribution models. This will serve Duckwater students. Information is here: <https://duckwater.nye.k12.nv.us/article/212466?org=duckwater>
- **Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle Community School:** Bloomfield School District will provide food service during school closure for Dzilth students. Meals will be served for children 18 and under. Details on locations and times here: [https://4858a595-975e-4f5b-8544-47947e978ead.filesusr.com/ugd/939cca\\_1d576e2053fe4d6db9f7e67f7c244b29.pdf](https://4858a595-975e-4f5b-8544-47947e978ead.filesusr.com/ugd/939cca_1d576e2053fe4d6db9f7e67f7c244b29.pdf)
- **Enemy Swim Day School:** Meal delivery for students will occur via bus delivery beginning March 18, 2020. Watch their site for updates. <http://esds.us/2020/03/17/lunch-delivery-info/>
- **Flagstaff Bordertown Dormitory:** School meals will be provided as part of the larger Flagstaff Unified School District Program. Details here: <https://www.fusd1.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=1&ModuleInstanceID=1886&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=35561&PageID=1>



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- **Four Winds Community School:** Providing sack lunches to students. Check their updates for details. <https://www.fourwinds.k12.nd.us/>
- **Gila Crossing Community School:** Beginning March 17<sup>th</sup>, Gila Crossing will be distributing breakfast and lunch combo meals using bus routes. Schedule and more information here: [http://www.gccseagles.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_20519982/File/fliers\\_and\\_other\\_pdfs/2019-2020/Food%20Run%20Letter.pdf](http://www.gccseagles.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_20519982/File/fliers_and_other_pdfs/2019-2020/Food%20Run%20Letter.pdf).
- **Hanaadli Community School Dormitory:** Bloomfield School District is providing meals. Details and contact information on the HCSD website: <https://www.hanaadlicsd.com/>
- **Hannahville Indian School:** Meals will be provided beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>. Watch their Facebook page for updates. <https://www.facebook.com/NTWHIS>
- **Havasupai Elementary School:** Grab and go lunches and breakfasts will be available for any child 18 and under beginning Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details on pick-up locations are here: <http://www.lhusd.org/?PN=Pages&SubP=Level1Page&L=2&DivisionID=23185&DepartmentID=29656&PageID=39401>
- **Hunters Point Boarding School:** Meal service will begin March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Breakfast and lunch can be picked up from 7:30 to 8:30 at the school cafeteria via drive-thru service. <http://www.hpbs-az.org/>
- **Indian Island School:** Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick-up. Beginning Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact school for details and to request delivery: <https://sites.google.com/indian-island.mie.k12.me.us/indian-island-school/covid-19-update/school-closure-announcement>
- **Isleta Elementary School:** Meals provided weekdays to students of IES and students from the community. Details provided on the IES Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/IsletaElementarySchool/photos/pcb.138826010992502/138825607659209/?type=3&theater>
- **Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishinaabe School (JKL):** Food service is available at the Kinross Rec Center. Follow their Facebook page for updates. <https://www.facebook.com/jklbahweting/>
- **Kayenta Boarding School:** Lunch provided for Kayenta students only beginning March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Drive through service with some limited delivery options. <https://kayenta.bie.edu/downloads/KBSLunchAcademicFlyer.pdf>
- **Kha'p'o Community School:** Breakfast and lunch provided at two locations for Santa Clara Pueblo Students. Home delivery is also available. Locations, schedule, and home delivery contact information is on the school's website. <https://www.khapoeducation.org/health-updates.html>
- **Kin Dah Lichi'i Olta':** School is closed. Official communications will come to the school community through email. <http://kindahlichii.org/>
- **Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Schools:** One meal per student per day will be delivered Monday through Friday following current bus routes. Information is on the school's site: <https://www.lcoosk12.org/>.



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- **Laguna Department of Education:** Providing breakfast and lunch for students 18 and under at multiple locations from March 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>. Meals are pick-up only. Information on locations available here: <http://lagunaelem.ss3.sharpschool.com/>
- **Little Wound School:** Meals will be provided beginning Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details on meal service will be released Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, watch their site for details and updates. <http://www.littlewound.us/>
- **Lummi Nation Schools:** The district will be providing meals for any child 18 and under. The primary site will be the Lummi Nation School, with additional secondary locations. Details and pick up times here: [http://www.lummi-k12.org/images/Flyer-for-Food-Distribution-at-LNS\\_031520\\_2.jpg](http://www.lummi-k12.org/images/Flyer-for-Food-Distribution-at-LNS_031520_2.jpg)
- **Mandaree School District:** Will be distributing grab and go meals at the school, see parent/guardian letter for details. [https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded\\_file/618463/Dear\\_Parent\\_Letter\\_3-14-2020\\_1.pdf](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/618463/Dear_Parent_Letter_3-14-2020_1.pdf)
- **Many Farms Community School:** Grab and go meals are provided on campus beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020, from 11am to 12pm, Monday through Friday. <https://www.mfcsaz.org/>
- **Marty Indian School:** Meal service will begin Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watch their Facebook for details on locations and times. [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=2568062246784227&id=1466175240306272](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=2568062246784227&id=1466175240306272)
- **Menominee Tribal Schools:** Watch their Facebook page for information on meals. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/218110154904181>
- **Mescalero Apache Schools:** Providing grab and go breakfast and lunch in 7 locations until school re-opens. <https://www.maschiefs.org/Blog>
- **Meskwaki Settlement School:** Providing free grab and go lunches on weekdays for three weeks, beginning Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lunches are only available to enrolled and descendent children who are 18 or younger and attend Meskwaki Settlement School or South Tama Community School District. <http://msswarriors.org/>
- **Ohkay Owingeh Community School:** OPCS students can pick up meals from the Espanola, NM school district locations. <http://oocs.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Memo-to-Parents-Meals.pdf>
- **Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Schools:** Meals will be available for students of Oneida elementary, high school, and Head Start until April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Details here: <https://oneida-nsn.gov/dl-file.php?file=2020/03/MealsForTimeOff.pdf>
- **Pine Ridge Schools:** Meals will be available for students in sack lunches beginning March 17<sup>th</sup>. Details and updates on their website. <http://prs.bie.edu/>
- **Piñon Unified School District:** Breakfast and lunch meal pick-up is ongoing. Follow their announcements for details. <https://www.pusdatasa.org/>



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- **Saint Michael Indian School:** Serving meals Monday through Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>. <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelindianschool/photos/rpp.135932607290/10157170357222291/?type=3&theater>
- **Saint Francis Indian School:** Meals will be provided for all K12 families beginning on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details on food delivery are on the school's website. <https://www.sfisk12.org/Homepage>
- **Saint Stephens Indian School:** Meal delivery began March 17<sup>th</sup>. Follow their Facebook for details. <https://www.facebook.com/St-Stephens-Indian-School-1464219973870534/>
- **Salt River Schools:** Free breakfast and lunch pickup for any child 18 and under. [https://saltriverschools.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/freemeals2020](https://saltriverschools.org/news/what_s_new/freemeals2020)
- **Sequoyah Schools:** Meals will be provided via grab and go service at multiple locations. <https://www.facebook.com/SequoyahSchools/photos/rpp.194903533879573/2812684002101500/?type=3&theater>
- **Shoshone Bannock High School:** Communications about meals will be made directly to parents and guardians of students. <https://www.facebook.com/www.sbd537.org?pnref=story>
- **Theodore Roosevelt School:** The school is delivering meals to 11 different drop-off locations. Information on locations and times was emailed directly to parents and guardians of students. <https://theodorerooseveltschool.net/>
- **Turtle Mountain Community Schools:** TMCS is doing meal deliveries for students. Updates are on their website. <https://www.belcourt.k12.nd.us/Domain/232>
- **Yakama Nation Tribal School:** Beginning meal deliveries on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Details on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/yakamanationtribalschool/photos/rpp.199937343543284/1266524186884589/?type=3&theater>

## STATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- **ALASKA.** Many Alaska school districts were scheduled to be on Spring Break during this time and are in the process of making plans and releasing announcements about school food options during closure. Check back for updates.
  - **Alaska Gateway School District:** The district is currently working on a plan to distribute school meals during closures. Check their Facebook page for updated information. <https://www.facebook.com/AlaskaGatewaySchoolDistrict/>
  - **Aleutians East Borough:** The district is working on a plan for school meals this week (week of March 16<sup>th</sup>). <https://aebbsd.org/>
  - **Anchorage Schools:** Prepackaged food for children 18 and under will be available for pick-up at 18 elementary schools around the Anchorage area from March 16-March 20<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up times are from 10am to 2pm. <https://www.adn.com/alaska->



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- [news/education/2020/03/14/anchorage-officials-unveil-plan-to-feed-students-while-schools-are-closed/](https://www.facebook.com/AnnetteIslandSchoolDistrict/)
- **Annette Island Schools:** Will not be providing meals during the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>, but the district is working on a plan to provide meals the following week, week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details will be posted on their Facebook page as they are available. <https://www.facebook.com/AnnetteIslandSchoolDistrict/>
  - **Bering Strait School District:** Schools are currently on spring break but will remain closed. Check their Facebook page for any developments on meals. <https://www.facebook.com/BSSDSchools/>
  - **Bristol Bay School District:** Schools are currently on spring break but will remain closed. Check their Facebook page for any developments on meals. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Public-School/Bristol-Bay-Borough-School-District-1415368595380972/>
  - **Copper River School District:** No information on meals yet available but they encourage families to check their Facebook page for updates. <https://www.facebook.com/CRSDak/>
  - **Craig City School District:** The district is working on a plan to provide meals while schools are closed. Check their website for updates. <https://www.ccsd.k12.ak.us/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=8&ModuleInstanceID=843&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=5914&PageID=9>
  - **Delta/Greely School District:** Updates will be made on their website as available. [http://www.dgsd.us/files/user/6/file/COVID\\_Parent\\_March\\_13\\_2020.pdf](http://www.dgsd.us/files/user/6/file/COVID_Parent_March_13_2020.pdf)
  - **Denali Borough:** Check their website for updates. <https://www.dbsd.org/>
  - **Dillingham City School District:** Letter from the district notes that closure allows them to discuss plans for food service options during extended closure. Check Facebook for updates. <https://www.facebook.com/dlgsd/>
  - **Fairbanks North Star Borough School District:** Community meals are available at various locations and the school is working on a plan for meal service. Updates on school meals will be made available as soon as possible. <https://www.facebook.com/fsdk12/>
  - **Galena City School District:** Updates will be available on their website. <https://www.galenaalaska.org/covid-19-gcsd-updates/?fbclid=IwAR3clulpgwQx9uCxWUJaL6RTgYUZZHghOLEZzxYb127L0P5elBtRAusXgw4>
  - **Juneau:** Prepackaged meals for children 18 and under will be available for pick-up at specific school sites. Pick-up times vary by site. Food is available March 16<sup>th</sup>-March 27<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.juneauschools.org/>
  - **Kenai Peninsula Borough School District:** Meals for students will begin service on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Multiple pick-up locations. You can sign up and arrange pick ups online. <https://communications.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/2020/03/15/free-student-food-service-for-kpbsd-students-begins-tuesday-march-17-2020/>



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- **Ketchikan Gateway School District:** The district is considering how to address meal service. Update will be posted on their website.  
<https://www.kgbsd.org/?fbclid=IwAR0ghbLNJTRfAaNDC9Y9kZk-gT0xwua3Dxo-YBjQNeAiZ8ZpO6jPFLCEglo>
- **Kodiak Island School District:** Grab and go breakfast and lunch for children under 18 will be available at Kodiak High School from March 16-20<sup>th</sup>, and more information will be provided in the future on social media about meal service during the extended school closure. <https://www.facebook.com/Kibsd/>
- **Lower Kuskokwim School District:** Pick up of meals began March 16<sup>th</sup> at various locations. Information provided on Facebook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/LowerKuskokwimSchoolDistrict/>
- **Lower Yukon School District:** Plans for meal service were in development and to be announced by Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Check their website for updates. <https://lysd.org/>
- **Matanuska-Susitna School District:** Parents should expect a call from their children's teacher with information. <https://sites.google.com/view/msbsdcoronavirus/home>
- **Nome School District:** The district is making food service preparations. Updates will be provided as soon as possible. <https://www.facebook.com/nomeschools/>
- **North Slope Borough School District:** Meals and pickup site information for children are available on the district's Facebook. Elder meal delivery will also continue.  
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthSlopeBoroughSchoolDistrict/>
- **Northwest Arctic Borough School District:** All schools in the district are prepared to offer meals. Each school should be contacting families with details.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Northwest-Arctic-Borough-School-District-147508372277723/?ref=hl>
- **Petersburg School District:** The district is making preparations for non-congregate meal delivery. Watch their Facebook page for updates. <https://www.facebook.com/pcsd.us/>
- **Sitka School District:** The district is working on a plan for meal service and will be contacting families about needs the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
<https://www.sitkaschools.org/domain/648>
- **Southeast Island School District:** Updates about meal service will be provided on the district's website. <http://www.sisd.org/>
- **Valdez City School District:** The district will be surveying families about needs in the coming days. Follow their website for updates.  
<https://www.valdezcityschools.org/domain/61>