City of Philadelphia: Provision of Meals and Activity Space During School Closures

Description of Program and Relief

The City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia School District will provide meal service and drop-in activity space for students on weekdays until March 27, 2020, while schools are closed.

- The City’s grab-and-go meal service will allow any student to obtain up to two meals per day. Meals are available for pickup between 9 a.m. and noon at 30 schools across the city.

- Additionally, the City will be operating 50 publicly-owned spaces (for example, gyms and recreational centers), where students can drop in between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to participate in activities. City staff will offer limited meals at these activity centers at 3 p.m. Officials have clarified that these activity centers are designed to be safe spaces for students to spend time during the school day, but are not to be considered a substitute for child care.

Government or Lead Agency

City of Philadelphia & Philadelphia School District

Dates Available

Weekdays until 3/27/2020

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

Meal service is available to all students in Philadelphia.

The drop-in programming is available to children and teens ages 18 and under.

List of Additional Information

Additional details on Philadelphia’s meal services for students and drop-in activity centers are available online here: