

SUMMER MEALS 2023 Toolkit



The Coalition Against Hunger is working to keep kids fueled for the summer, and you can help! Families can locate free summer meal sites for kids 18 and younger with our [Summer Meals Map](#) and our Summer Meals Hotline **(1-215-770-4659)**. Please share these resources with your network to help connect families with free nutritious meals and snacks while school is out. The resources and information provided in this toolkit apply to all residents of Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware, Bucks, and Chester County. Learn more about summer meals below.

Materials to Promote Summer Meals:

[Download Our Flyer](#)
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FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS

COALITION AGAINST HUNGER

This June-August, youth ages 18 and under can eat free meals.

We can help you find meal sites in the following counties:

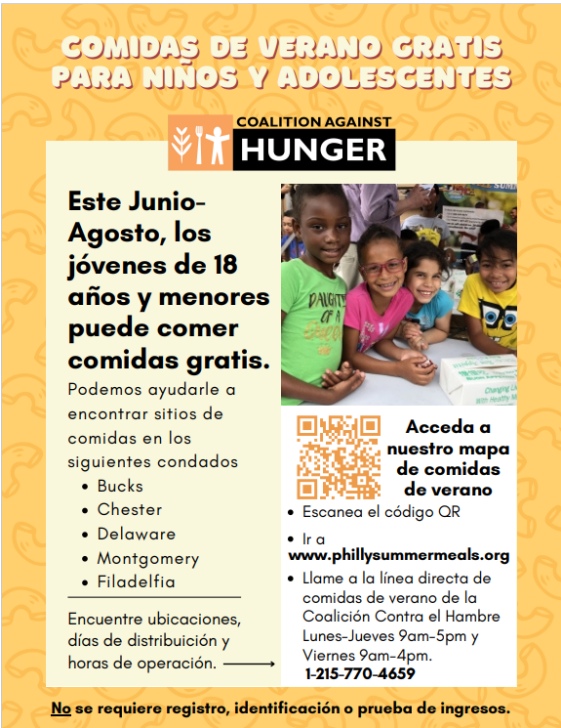
- Bucks
- Chester
- Delaware
- Montgomery
- Philadelphia

Find locations, distribution days, and hours of operation →

Access Our Summer Meals Map

- Scan the QR code
- Go to www.phillysummermeals.org
- Call the Coalition Against Hunger's Summer Meals Hotline Monday-Thursdays 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4pm. **1-215-770-4659**

No registration, ID, or proof of income required.



COMIDAS DE VERANO GRATIS PARA NIÑOS Y ADOLESCENTES

COALITION AGAINST HUNGER

Este Junio-Agosto, los jóvenes de 18 años y menores puede comer comidas gratis.

Podemos ayudarle a encontrar sitios de comidas en los siguientes condados

- Bucks
- Chester
- Delaware
- Montgomery
- Filadelfia

Encuentre ubicaciones, días de distribución y horas de operación. →

Acceda a nuestro mapa de comidas de verano

- Escanea el código QR
- Ir a www.phillysummermeals.org
- Llame a la línea directa de comidas de verano de la Coalición Contra el Hambre Lunes-Jueves 9am-5pm y Viernes 9am-4pm. **1-215-770-4659**

No se requiere registro, identificación o prueba de ingresos.

Download Our Social Media Graphics:

Click the links below for social media graphics you can use, or scroll down to preview.

- [Instagram and Facebook Graphics](#)
- [Twitter Graphics](#)



Sample Social Media Copy:

- This summer, kids and teens can get FREE meals! Find a site at www.phillysummermeals.org or call the Coalition Against Hunger's Summer Meals Hotline at +1 (215) 770 - 4659 for assistance. #summermeals #CAH
- Every child deserves safe and healthy meals this summer. Find a site where your kids 18 and under can get a FREE meal at www.phillysummermeals.org or call +1 (215) 770 - 4659. #summermeals #CAH
- ALL kids deserve a healthy and safe summer fueled by Philly Summer Meals! Visit the mobile friendly www.phillysummermeals.org or call +1 (215) 770 - 4659 for assistance to find a meal site near you! #summermeals #CAH
- This summer, teens and kids can get FREE meals throughout the city. Interested? Visit www.phillysummermeals.org today to find a site near you! #summermeals #CAH
- This June - August, kids 18 and under can get free, nutritious meals. Find a summer meals site in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia County by visiting www.phillysummermeals.org or calling the Coalition Against Hunger's Summer Meals Hotline at 1-215-770-4659.

Finding a Site Near You

For the five county Southeastern Pennsylvania Region (SEPA), there are several ways to locate a site where your children can get a meal.

- ❖ The Coalition Against Hunger's Summer Meals Map.
www.phillysummermeals.org
 - The mobile friendly map includes summer meals sites sponsored by **all providers across the 5-county region** and will be updated every Monday as sites change throughout the summer.
 - All sites listed on the map are "open sites" meaning children should be able to show up and be served without signing up or completing additional paperwork.

- ❖ The Coalition Against Hunger's Summer Meals Hotline
+1 (215) 770 - 4659

For those who prefer individualized assistance, the Coalition Against Hunger will also be running a summer meals hotline. The hotline will operate Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4pm.

 - Assistance available in English and Spanish. If other language services are needed, we ask that clients state what language they require to allow us to contact an appropriate interpreter.

- ❖ City of Philadelphia Food Map
www.phila.gov/food
 - The City of Philadelphia food resources map provides information about food distribution sites, senior meal sites, outdoor meal sites, and summer meal sites (student meal sites) in the City of Philadelphia only.
 - Unlike the Coalition Against Hunger map, the City map may not list summer meals sites hosted by all sponsors.

Understanding Summer Meals

Summer Meals is a federally funded, state administered program that provides free meals to children so they may receive the same high-quality nutrition during school vacations that they get in school, during the school year. Program administrators distribute food to community members and organizations, and are reimbursed for the cost of the meal. Community partners operate summer meals sites, where the meals are distributed to kids under the age of 18. There are no income requirements, ID, or registration needed for these children to access meals in qualifying areas.

2023 Summer Meals

In summer 2023, meal sites will operate using a “congregate meal” service model. To access free meals, children will need to be present at the summer meal site when a meal is being served. Kids will have to eat their meal at the site, and will not be able to leave with food. Our summer meals map and hotline can help kids identify where and when meals are being served.

See below for more information about how summer meal service will change in 2023:

In previous years Summer Meals have been more flexible because Congress needed to make food access easier and safer while reducing COVID-19 exposure. These flexibilities expired in 2022. As such, 2023 Summer Meals will look different than previous years but will operate in the ways they did before the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ❖ **Congregate Meal Service** will be re-established, meaning children must receive and eat their meals on-site at specified times rather than obtaining “grab & go” boxes.
- ❖ **Parent Pick Up will not be allowed this year.** Meals will only be served to youth 18 and under who are at the meal site when meals are being served. Parents will not be allowed to pick up meals for children.
- ❖ The nationwide **Area Eligibility** waiver has not been extended, which means that “open site” meal service is limited to areas with a certain percentage of low-income households.
 - If a site does not meet this requirement, children will need to apply for meals through the site, and will be subject to income requirements.
 - All sites on the Coalition Against Hunger’s Summer Meals Map are “open sites”, meaning that all children can get meals at these sites for free, with no paperwork required. To learn more, scroll down to learn about our map or visit www.phillysummermeals.org.

Additional Information

If you would like additional information or assistance in promoting the Summer Meals Program, please contact Coalition Against Hunger Community Educator Alison Volz at avolz@hungercoalition.org or 215-430-0555 ext. 1103.

We are able to attend and host virtual outreach events, as well as in-person events on a case by case basis. Please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know what you need!