



# UNION CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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UCASD Families,

We are so excited to welcome your children back to our buildings! We understand that there are many changes since we've last served meals inside our cafeterias and want to provide you with as much information as possible as to what meal service looks like at this time. It is our sincere hope that we can make breakfast and lunch as worry free as possible for our students/ your children. We cannot guarantee that policies and procedures won't change, however we can assure you that we will keep you well informed as we navigate this together!

Breakfast in both buildings will be served and consumed in the classroom. Students will elect to receive a meal each morning on a day-to-day basis. Our classroom teachers and staff will distribute individual bagged meals to the students who chose to participate. Milk will also be available daily, students will have a choice of 2-3 varieties which will be provided by the classroom staff. All food safety and sanitation guidelines set forth by the Department of Health and CDC will be followed. Breakfast meal components will follow USDA guidelines and are free to all students. Menus are available on the UCASD homepage. Reviewing menus at home is encouraged so that you may help your students decide whether they will choose breakfast on a given day. This meal format will be followed in both yellow and green phases.

Lunch, in the green phase, will be served and consumed in the building cafeterias. One-way entrance and exit points will be utilized. All entrance points, service lines, cashier stations, seating areas and refuse disposal locations will be marked for social distancing. All seating has been set up to allow for 6' distancing. Dining rooms will be cleaned and sanitized between each seating. Additional refuse stations have been added to avoid congregation points and all service ware is disposable and inaccessible to students until the point of service in order to limit touch points. Our cashiers will enter all transactions so that we can ensure a touchless point of sale. If you would like to deposit money into your child's account so that they may buy extra or a la carte items we are asking that you use the following methods: 1. Deposit money using the online School Cafe system (information on the UCASD homepage) OR 2. Place cash or check (made out to UCASD Food Service) in an envelope with FOOD SERVICE and student's name on front, at the elementary level students should give envelope to their homeroom teacher, at the MS/HS level students may drop envelope in the Food Service deposit box in the cafeteria or the front office. Students only need money in their account if you want them to have access to extras or a la carte items, meals are free.

We are doing our very best to keep the lunch menu options varied, allow for customization and have a wide variety of fruit and vegetable options available. We did have to switch service models away from grab & go entrees, sides, condiments, etc. to limit touchpoints and allow for social distancing. Please bear with us as menus may change based on product availability. Our vendors are working side by side with us to limit changes and provide our students with the best breakfast and lunch experiences that we can! Lunch menus are available on the UCASD website for your review.

Under the yellow phase our students will eat lunch in the classroom. Service (meal selection) would take place in the cafeteria at the MS/HS level and would be a combination of classroom delivery and cafeteria service models at the elementary school. This model will allow for social distancing requirements set forth by CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Education while still allowing the students to have options and hopefully avoid menu fatigue. We know that students learn best when they are fed a nutritious meal that they enjoy.

Students who currently have a physician ordered meal accommodation plan on file will continue to receive modifications. If we need to make changes to standing orders please contact Krista Byler at [kbyler@ucasd.org](mailto:kbyler@ucasd.org) or (814)438-7673 x 5466 as soon as possible. If your student is new to the district or has a newly ordered meal accommodation necessary please have your child's physician fill out the Medical Plan of Care form found under the Food Services tab/ Food Service Forms on [www.ucasd.org](http://www.ucasd.org) and send via email or mail as soon as possible. If mailing forms please use the following address: UCASD Food Service Department, Attn: Krista Byler, 107 Concord Street, Union City, PA 16438.

We take great pride in Feeding our Bears!



Krista Byler, District Chef / Food Service Director