

Nutrition Services COVID-19 Guidelines

MRSD Board Policies

[EFAA Nutrition and Food Services](#)

Nutrition and food services will continue as per existing guidelines, mandates per existing school board policy and public health food safety guidelines. For the purposes of COVID-19, measures will be reinforced and additional measures will be endorsed.

Food Service Personnel

Food Service personnel should follow all existing mandates on health and hygiene and food safety. Any specific measures or intervention will be coordination with the Facilities Manager and the Nutrition Manager. This includes:

- Nutrition staff endorsing appropriate hygiene and safety standards
- Individuals should wash their hands after removing their gloves or after directly handling used food service items.
- Food services staff will wear appropriate PPE

Students

- Children should wash hands prior to eating.
- Elementary school students should eat in classrooms instead of in a communal dining hall or cafeteria, while ensuring the [safety of children with food allergies](#), as feasible.
- Middle school and high school lunch times should be staggered to maintain spatial distancing to the extent feasible. Shared spaces will be sanitized between use.
- Children may be encouraged to bring their own meals as feasible, students using school lunch services will be served individually plated meals.

Other Measures

Additional measures will be endorsed during response to the COVID-19 outbreak to improve infection control measures around food services.

- Use disposable food service items is promoted when feasible (e.g., utensils, dishes). If disposable items are not feasible or desirable, ensure that all non-disposable food service items are handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher.
- If food is offered at any event, that meets current guidelines, have pre-packaged boxes or bags for each attendee instead of a buffet or family-style meal. Avoid sharing food and utensils and ensure the safety of children with food allergies.