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NEWS RELEASE

City and School District to Provide Meals and Activity Space During School Closures

PHILADELPHIA - In light of schools being closed from Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27, the School District of Philadelphia and City of Philadelphia today announced plans to provide meal service and drop-in activity space for students over the next two weeks.

From Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until noon, any Philadelphia student can get up to two grab-and-go meals at the following 30 schools:

School Meal Site	Address (zip code)
Dr. Ethel Allen School	3200 W. Lehigh Avenue (19132)
Add B. Anderson School	1034 S. 60th Street (19143)
John Barry Elementary School	5900 Race Street (19139)
Mary McLeod Bethune School	3301 Old York Road (19140)
Cayuga School	4344-4358 N. 5th Street (19140)
Jay Cooke Elementary School	1300 W. Loudon Street (19141)
William Cramp School	3449 N. Mascher Street (19140)

A.L. Fitzpatrick School	11061 Knights Road (19154)
Benjamin Franklin School	5737 Rising Sun Avenue (19120)
Edward Gideon School	2817 W. Glenwood Avenue (19121)
Andrew Hamilton School	5640 Spruce Street (19139)
William H. Hunter School	2400 N. Front Street (19133)
John B. Kelly School	5116 Pulaski Street (19144)
Martin Luther King High School	6100 Stenton Avenue (19138)
Alain Locke School	4550 Haverford Avenue (19139)
William H. Loesche School	595 Tomlinson Road (19116)
William C. Longstreth School	5700 Willows Avenue (19143)
James R. Ludlow School	550 W. Master Street (19122)
Mayfair School	3001 Princeton Avenue (19149)
Delaplaine McDaniel School	1801 S. 22nd Street (19145)
General George G. Meade School	1600 N. 18th Street (19121)
James Rhoads School	4901 Parrish Street (19139)
Roxborough High School	6498 Ridge Avenue (19128)
George Sharswood School	2300 S. 2nd Street (19148)
Solomon Solis-Cohen School	7001 Horrocks Street (19149)
Allen M. Stearne School	1655 Unity Street (19124)
James J. Sullivan School	5300 Ditman Street (19124)
Tilden Middle School	6601 Elmwood Avenue (19142)
Vare-Washington Elementary School	1198 S. 5th Street (19147)
John H. Webster School	3400 Frankford Avenue (19134)

Essential personnel including a school police officer and other support staff will be on-site to distribute meals to students and families.

“We encourage any families interested in obtaining breakfast and lunch meals for their students to visit these meal distribution sites,” said Superintendent William R. Hite, Jr.,

Ed.D. “We are eager to help support families during this difficult time and urge them to take advantage of the resources provided throughout the city.”

In addition, the City will open 50 City-owned facilities, including gyms and recreation centers, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (see list below).

The sites will provide safe spaces where students can drop-in for activities, and staff will offer limited meals at 3:00 p.m. These sites will be staffed by Parks & Recreation team members, however, they should not be considered a substitute for childcare.

All other Parks & Recreation sites across Philadelphia will be closed to the public effective Monday, March 16, including environmental education centers, Carousel House, and ice rinks. Parks & Recreation’s six older adult centers will open on a regular schedule (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for meal service.

The following 50 Parks & Recreation sites will be open to young people 18 and under for meal distribution and drop-in programming:

Parks & Recreation Site	Address (zip code)
Athletic Recreation Center	1400 N. 26th Street (19121)
Belfield Recreation Center	2109 W. Chew Avenue (19138)
Bridesburg Recreation Center	4601 Richmond Street (19137)
Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center	2551 N. 22nd Street (19132)
Christy Recreation Center	728 S. 55th Street (19143)
Clemente Playground	1800 Wallace Street (19130)
Cobbs Creek Recreation Center	280 Cobbs Creek Parkway (19139)
Cohocksink Recreation Center	2901 Cedar Street (19134)
Daniel E Rumph II Recreation Center Playground	100 E. Johnson Street (19144)
Dorothy Emanuel Playground	8500 Pickering Street (19150)
East Passyunk Recreation Center	1025 Mifflin Street (19148)
Francis Myers Recreation Center	5801 Kingsessing Avenue (19143)
Feltonville Recreation Center	221 E Wyoming Ave # 231 (19120)
Fox Chase Recreation Center	7901 Ridgeway Street (19111)
Gambrel Recreation Center	1900 Wakeling Street (19124)
Hank Gathers Recreation Center	2501-2519 W. Diamond Street (19121)
Guerin Recreation Center	2201 S. 16th Street (19145)
Happy Hollow Playground	4800 Wayne Avenue (19144)
Hawthorne Cultural Center	1200 Carpenter Street (19147)

Houseman Playground	5091 Summerdale Avenue (19124)
J. Finnegan Playground	6801 Grovers Avenue (19142)
Jardel Recreation Center	1400 Cottman Avenue (19111)
Kendrick Recreation Center	5822-5824 Ridge Avenue (19128)
Kingsessing Recreation Center	4901 Kingsessing Avenue (19143)
Lawncrest Recreation Center	6000 Rising Sun Avenue (19111)
Lee Cultural Center	328 Haverford Avenue (19104)
Lonnie Young Recreation Center	1100 E. Cheltenham Avenue (19138)
Marian Anderson Recreation Center	740 S. 17th Street (19146)
Max Meyers Recreation Center	1601 Hellerman Street (19149)
McVeigh Recreation Center	400-464 E. Ontario Street (19134)
Miles Mack Playground	732 N. 36th St #66 (19104)
Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center	2101 Cecil B. Moore Avenue (19121)
Murphy Recreation Center	300 Shunk Street (19148)
Olney Recreation Center	100 E. Godfrey Avenue (19120)
Palmer Playground	3035 Comly Road (19154)
Palumbo Recreation Center	725 S. 10th Street (19147)
Pelbano Recreation Center	8101 Bustleton Avenue (19152)
Piccoli Playground	1501 E. Bristol Street (19124)
Rivera Recreation Center	3201 N. 5th Street (19140)
Samuel Recreation Center	3539 Gaul St, Philadelphia, PA 19134
Shepard Recreation Center	5700 Haverford Avenue (19131)
Simons Recreation Center	7200 Woolston Avenue (19138)
Starr Garden Playground	600-644 Lombard Street (19147)
Towey Playground	1832 N. Howard St., Philadelphia, PA, 19122
Tustin Recreation Center	5901-5929 W. Columbia Avenue (19151)
Vare Recreation Center	2600 Morris Street (19145)
Vogt Playground	4131 Unruh Avenue (19135)
Water Tower Recreation Center	209-299 E. Hartwell Lane (19118)
Wharton Square	2300 Wharton Street (19146)
Zeihler Playground	200-264 E. Olney Avenue (19120)

“No child should go hungry because they are not in school,” said Mayor Jim Kenney. “The City and School District will continue to do everything we can to make sure our students’ basic needs are met during this challenging time. I ask Philadelphians to continue looking out for one another by sharing resources like this with their loved ones and neighbors.”

Meal and activity sites were selected based on neighborhood needs, size of facilities, and a desire to be geographically spread throughout the city. Again, other than the sites listed above, all other Parks & Recreation sites across the City will be closed to the public effective Monday, March 16.

A full list of meal sites and activity spaces is available at phila.gov and a map is available at <http://bit.ly/youth-meal-sites>.

Health Dept. update: The Philadelphia Department of Public Health announced one additional presumptive positive case of COVID-19 in Philadelphia, bringing the total so far to four. The City is awaiting test results on 56 other cases.

Libraries: To comply with the Governor’s statewide closure of libraries, all branches of the Philadelphia Free Library are closed to the public effective today. All staff members should report to work on their regular schedules.

Residents with questions can call the Greater Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline at 1800-722-7112. The Helpline, free and available 24/7, is staffed by trained healthcare providers and is for anyone in the Greater Philadelphia area, including the public and healthcare providers, to help answer all of their questions about the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Residents can get COVID-19 updates sent to their phones. Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 to receive free alerts with information and updates from the Health Department. Information is also being updated daily on the Philadelphia Department of Public Health’s webpage www.phila.gov/covid-19.

Notes to media: Due to the volume of press requests related to COVID-19, members of the media are asked to send all City-related questions to press@phila.gov.

Until further notice, City officials will continue to update the press every day, including weekends, at 1:00 p.m. These briefings will take place at the Emergency Operations Center, located at the Fire Administration Building lobby, 240 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.

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