

Effective Thursday, March 26, Fayette County Public Schools will no longer offer meal delivery to bus stops throughout the community while schools are closed during the pandemic. District officials learned Wednesday evening that a member of the Transportation Department who was involved in meal service tested positive for COVID-19. Although Lexington-Fayette County health officials think the risk of exposure to other staff and the children served is low, FCPS believes the safest course of action is to close the bus depots.

“In the face of these unprecedented circumstances, our bus drivers and monitors willingly volunteered to serve in this new role to ensure that students who depend on meals at school still have access to food,” said Superintendent Manny Caulk. “They are unsung heroes, and we are all indebted to them for their leadership during these times. Our thoughts and prayers for healing are with this member of our team while they are recuperating at home.”

On Thursday, March 26, and Friday, March 27, meals will be available only at the pick-up locations at the following schools: Arlington, Booker T. Washington, Breckinridge, Cardinal Valley, Glendover, James Lane Allen, Julius Marks, Lansdowne, Mary Todd, Meadowthorpe, The Academy for Leadership at Millcreek, Northern, Southern, Squires, and William Wells Brown elementaries, LTMS and Winburn middle schools, Bryan Station High School, and the Tates Creek campus (under the awning between the middle and high school).

This is a walk-up service between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., so students receiving the boxed meals should practice social distancing and stand six feet apart while waiting in line. Anyone age 18 or younger may eat at any pick-up location; no pre-orders required. Breakfast consists of a cereal pack with juice, grain, and milk. Lunch includes a sandwich, wrap, or pizza kit with fruit, juice, and milk. Because of allergies, peanut butter and pork are not served. If a student has other allergies, they need to proceed with caution.

Meal service was not scheduled for the week of March 30 through April 3, the district's spring break. FCPS will work with community partners to revisit the best way to continue serving meals for children while also protecting the health and safety of employees and families. FCPS will share its plans for providing meals beginning the week of April 6 as soon as the details are finalized.