



Nutley Public Schools

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Dear Nutley Parents, Staff and Community,

Due to the closure of the Nutley Public Schools for COVID 19, we have applied for and have been approved by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture to operate temporarily under the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The Seamless Summer Option is a federal meal program that allows School Food Authorities (SFAs) already participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to provide meals during periods longer than 10 days of closure.

At this time, all Nutley resident children under the age of 18, regardless of school or eligibility for free/reduced lunch, are able to be provided with fresh grab and go meals by our food service provider Pomptonian at the distribution location. Open air distribution will take place at the side of the Nutley Family Service Bureau (NFSB) Annex located at 169 Chestnut Street, Nutley. Students and/or families will be directed to the white tents. Parking is free in the Municipal Lot to allow for the safe movement of people and products. Meal distribution will continue until the schools reopen.

In addition to the fresh meals prepared by Pomptonian, the NFSB Food Pantry has received fresh food, produce, and dairy items, as well as household goods from Imperfect Produce, US Foods, and donations from local bakeries and food stores that they are sharing when available.

Pick up will now be between 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- Any child under the age of 18 can pick up the meals for the family. Students will receive lunch and breakfast for each day covering Monday through Friday. Volunteers will record the number of meals distributed by child's name and maintain the roster.
- Any adult 18 years or older who is requesting meals will be required to show proof of Nutley residency (driver's license, utility bill, lease document, etc.) and provide children's names and ages. Failure to provide the necessary Nutley residency documentation will result in a denial of grab and go meals.
- No Nutley resident will be denied services from NFSB. The Nutley Family Service Bureau also operates the community food pantry responding to the needs of those among us who experience food insecurity. If a person or family needs additional food support, or other services, they are instructed to call 973-667-1884, option #7. Information is also available on the NFSB website, <https://www.nutleyfamily.org/food-pantry>

Pomptonian provides extensive training to the staff on ServSafe techniques and implements the strategies to prevent spreading any type of virus through the Food Service Operation. They have recently reinforced this training, and these practices should ensure the safety of the food that is being served. All volunteers follow health and safety practices when distributing meals including wearing gloves and enforcing social distancing.

We are grateful to NFSB and their volunteers, as well as Pomptonian, and all of those who have donated and continue to donate to feed our students, friends, and neighbors. As a district, we will continue to seek out partnerships to support the community during this difficult time. Please stay safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julie Glazer