

Guidance for distribution of supplemental food, personal hygiene items, and other items on FCPS property

Fairfax County Public Schools leadership has approved that school principals can allow non-profit organizations to be on school property to distribute bulk food, personal hygiene, or other packaged items.

FCPS is committed to keeping their communities safe. All non-profit organizations are expected to adhere to the Centers for Prevention and Disease Control (CDC) guidelines regarding social distancing, cleaning procedures, and ensuring that non-profit personnel and volunteers are healthy and have not been in contact with anyone that has, or is suspected of having, COVID-19.

The non-profits are expected to ensure at least six feet between all members regardless of their role; the gatherings must be controlled to allow only ten individuals at a time which includes all non-profit personnel and volunteers. Masks and gloves must be used by all non-profit personnel and volunteers distributing food or non-food items.

- The non-profit must receive approval from the school principal before any distribution is planned or communicated to students and their families. This is to ensure the safety of the community and for the overall coordination of efforts on school property.
- The non-profit must provide the principal with their plan for social distancing of six feet, keeping groups to no more than ten persons including non-profit personnel and volunteers, and provision of masks and gloves for non-profit personnel and volunteers.
- Principals may recommend that only one family member is present for the distribution, to assist with adherence to social distancing of six feet and no more than ten persons at a time including non-profit personnel and volunteers.
- The non-profit groups must set up their own table and handle the distribution themselves, practicing social distancing of at least six feet apart, have hand sanitizer, gloves and masks, and any other distribution practices to ensure the safety of students, non-profit personnel, and volunteers. If the school is a Grab and Go site, the non-profit must set up away from where breakfast and lunch is being distributed. They are expected to adhere to CDC guidelines at all times.
- These groups must distribute food or items to anyone that asks for it.
- These groups may not ask FCPS staff for help.

Our preference is that community groups be referred to one of the non-profits on this webpage who have distribution mechanisms in place: <https://www.fcps.edu/news/coronavirus-update-food-resources>.

However, we understand that many schools have dedicated community partners who are committed to providing these items to students. That is the reason behind these guidelines.

It is recommended that the health questionnaire be administered to each of the volunteers prior to allowing them to participate in any food distribution.

Fairfax County Public Schools is committed to keeping their communities safe. As part of that commitment, please ask all volunteers that will be handling food to wear masks and gloves while they are distributing food to the community.

It is recommended that this health screening questionnaire be administered to each of the volunteers prior to allowing them to participate in any food distribution.

Health Screening Questionnaire

Name _____

Date _____

1. Do you have a cough and/or sore throat? Yes _____ No _____
2. Have you had a fever in the last 72 hours (3 days)? Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you have any shortness of breath or is it hard for you to breathe?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Is anyone in your house ill with a fever or a cough? Yes _____ No _____
5. Have you had any contact with someone known to have or under investigation for Coronavirus in the last 14 days (2 weeks)?
Yes _____ No _____

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, do not participate in any food collection or distribution on FCPS property.