



Dear Parents,

To better serve our students, the Talladega County Board of Education has partnered with Baylor University to provide essential meals directly by mail to all students currently receiving free and reduced meals at school. This program will replace our current food distribution and deliver meals to not only students currently enrolled in school but all children in the eligible household. The enrollment date for this program runs from April 30, 2020, until May 9, 2020. Meals will begin shipping after the enrollment period closes and will be delivered through June 30.

**If you wish to participate in this program, and your student is currently receiving free/reduced lunch, please complete the application at:**

<https://mealstoyou.org/emergency-meals-to-you-application/>

**Please remember to choose the Talladega County Board of Education as your child's school district.** Do not hesitate to contact the Talladega County Schools Child Nutrition Department at either of the contact numbers available to you.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Randy F. Roberts'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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Talladega County Schools

# Emergency Meals-to-You Information and FAQs

Emergency Meals-to-You (eMTY) provides weekday breakfasts and lunches to students who were receiving those meals through the National School Lunch Program at a free or reduced price, but temporarily cannot receive school meals due to emergency school closures. EMTY mails 10 breakfasts and 10 lunches every two weeks directly to the student's home while schools are closed due to COVID-19.

## How do I know if my student is eligible?

A student is eligible for eMTY if s/he is already eligible for free or reduced-price meals at a school that is participating in eMTY. The school district must apply and be accepted into the program *before* a student can enroll. In order to serve younger family members that are not yet in school, if one child in the household is eligible, then all children ages 1-18 living in the household can participate.

## How long will the program be?

You can receive food through June 30, 2020.

## What will we receive?

One box per enrolled child every two weeks for the time period of the student's school closure. Each box will contain shelf-stable components for 20 meals: 10 breakfasts and 10 lunches. Boxes cannot be customized and cannot accommodate special dietary needs or food allergies. Sample items include:

- Protein: Milk, Chicken Salad, Hummus, Beef Stick, Bean Dip, Cheese, Sunflower Kernels,
- Whole Grains: Tortilla Chips, Corn Chips, Crackers, Oatmeal Bars, Cereal,
- Vegetables: Salsa Cup, Marinara Cup, 100% Veg/Fruit Juice,
- Fruit: Applesauce, Raisins, Craisins, Fruit Cup, 100% Fruit Juice.

## Who will deliver the boxes?

We can deliver to your home/a street address with UPS or to a P.O. Box with the U.S. Postal Service, whichever is best for you. We highly recommend that you sign up for [UPS My Choice](#) or [USPS Informed Delivery](#). Both are completely free, and they'll notify you any time a box is on the way to you.

## My household receives SNAP benefits, can I still get a Meals-to-You Box?

Yes! You can still get MTY boxes delivered if you are receiving SNAP or any other form of assistance. Plus, choosing to get MTY will not affect your eligibility for other assistance programs.

## What if I'm not home when my box gets delivered?

Try coordinating with a family member or neighbor to pick up the box for you. Remember, these foods are shelf-stable, so they'll still be good to eat when you get home!

## Is it okay if the boxes sit outside for a few hours if I'm not home when the box is delivered?

All foods in the MTY box are shelf-stable, which means you don't have to worry about the foods expiring anytime soon. The boxes will be packaged securely, so there shouldn't be any problems with ants or other tiny pests getting into them. Additionally, you don't need to worry about getting foods refrigerated immediately. You'll need to refrigerate the milk and some other foods once you open them.

## The online link isn't working for me. What do I need to do?

We're sorry you're having trouble. First, you might need to check your internet connection. If you have a good connection and still can't fill out the online form, you can contact the Talladega County Schools Child Nutrition Department at the numbers below:

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