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Guidance for Food Distribution Sites

The City of St. Louis Department of Health (DOH) is grateful for the efforts of school systems to provide food for children in their communities. If your organization chooses to participate in these efforts, DOH must be notified by the Individuals, Organizations, or Coordinators of any food distribution program by filling out the Guidance Form (pdf fillable form), found at www.stlouis-mo.gov/covid-19, under “Related Documents.” The form can be emailed here: naabienp@stlouis-mo.gov. Alternatively, you may call 314-657-1539, and you will be assisted in completing the form.

Practice Social Distancing:

- No self-service buffet-style dining is allowed.
- For waiting lines, patrons must stand two arms-length or 6 feet from one another.
- No self-service soda fountain
- Persons distributing food must wear food-service-grade gloves.

Types of food allowed for distribution:

- Pre-packaged non-potentially hazardous foods, like Potato Chips, Canned Soda, Bottled Water; and Single Serving Cans of food (Tuna, Vienna Sausages, Baked Beans,)
- Commercially prepared and packaged foods, kept at proper temperatures, like – Deli Sandwiches, Boxed meals.
- All foods prepared at HOME or in a FACILITY NOT UNDER INSPECTION are PROHIBITED.
- Whole uncut Fruits and Vegetables allowed.

What to do about Trash and Liquid wastes:

- There must be a sufficient number of containers to hold all the garbage and refuse and well disposed of after distribution.
- Liquid waste shall be disposed of in-compliance with applicable law.

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