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## FREE GRAB-AND-GO MEALS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AVAILABLE THROUGH AUGUST 14

Community organizations respond to delayed start of public school year by keeping keiki feeding sites open.

HONOLULU, Hawaiʻi — In response to the recently-announced delayed opening of Hawaiʻi public schools, a partnership of nonprofit and government organizations that has been providing free, healthy grab-and-go meals to keiki has decided to keep 16 of their distribution sites on Oʻahu and Molokai open through August 14.

The summer food sponsors that have decided to keep their sites open are Kamaʻāina Kids, Waiʻanae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Hoʻokakoʻo Schools, YMCA of Honolulu, Hawaiʻi Literacy, Palama Settlement, and Parents And Children Together.

These meals are prepared according to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) safety and nutrition standards. The sponsors are partnering with Aloha Harvest, Lanakila Pacific, Alternative Structures International, Hawai'i Appleseed, and Hawai'i Child Nutrition Programs to get the meals prepared and delivered.

Before the pandemic, it was projected that about 20 sponsoring organizations would serve about 583,000 total meals this summer. Despite the loss of some regular sponsors, the remaining ones stepped up their capacity, and three new sponsors came on board. As a result, this community partnership is on track to serve 1.5 million meals in 2020.

On a typical school day, nearly 65,000 economically disadvantaged Hawai'i students benefit from free or reduced-price school meals. For many, these are the only nutritious meals that they eat regularly. For their families, these meals help relieve financial stress by reducing their food budgets.

During the summer, when students are not able to eat free or reduced-price meals at school, community partners work together to provide food to children and youth in low-income areas via the federal Summer Food Service Program.

The following 16 community sites will provide free healthy grab-and-go meals to children and youth up to age 18 through August 14, unless otherwise indicated:

CALVARY PRESCHOOL Tues.-Fri., 10- 11:30 AM 45-435 Aumoku St., Kāne'ohe, HI 96744

EWA PRESCHOOL @CFS Tues.-Fri., 10- 11:30 AM 91-1841 Fort Weaver Rd, 'Ewa, HI 96706

HONOLULU PRESCHOOL Tues.-Fri., 10- 11:30 AM 930 Lunalilo St., Honolulu, HI 96822

KALIHI VALLEY INSTRUCTIONAL BIKE EXCHANGE (K-VIBE) Mon.–Fri., 10 AM–Noon, **Through Aug. 7** 1638 Kamehameha IV Rd., Honolulu, HI 96819

KAMAILE ACADEMY PCS Mon.–Fri., 10–11 AM 85-180 Ala 'Ākau St., Wai'anae, HI 96792

KAUPUNI PARK Mon.–Fri., 10 AM–Noon 85-1280 Kāne'aki St., Wai'anae, HI 96792 KUALAPU'U ELEMENTARY PCS Mon.-Fri., 7:30-8 AM; 11:30 AM-Noon, **Through Aug. 12** 260 Farrington Ave., Hoʻolehua, HI 96757

KUHIO PARK TERRACE RESOURCE CENTER Mon.–Fri., Noon–12:30 PM 1485 Linapuni St., Honolulu, HI 96819

MAILI PRESCHOOL Tues.-Fri., 10- 11:30 AM 87-227 St. Johns Rd., Wai'anae, HI 96792

MAYOR WRIGHT HOMES Tues.-Fri., 11:30 AM-12:30 PM 566 N. Kukui St., Bldg. 25A Honolulu, HI 9681

MILILANI TECH PARK PRESCHOOL Tues.-Fri., 10- 11:30 AM 345 Kahelu Ave., Mililani, HI 96789

MOANALUA PRESCHOOL Tues.-Fri., 10- 11:30 AM 4857 Bougainville Dr., Honolulu, HI 96818 PALAMA SETTLEMENT Mon.-Fri., 3:30-4:30 PM 810 N. Vineyard Blvd. Honolulu, HI 96817

PU'U HELEAKALĀ RECREATION CENTER Mon.–Fri., 10 AM–Noon 87-169 Helelua St., Wai'anae, HI 96792

QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI CHILDREN'S CENTER Mon.–Fri., 10 AM–Noon 87-1876 Farrington Hwy., Wai'anae, HI 96792

ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL Tues.-Fri., 10- 11:30 AM 539 Kapahulu St., Honolulu, HI 96815

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