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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Free and Healthy Meals for Kids Available at Various Locations in Fresno County**

*Children ages 1-18 will be able to get free meals during the  
Winter Break from December 20 through January 7.*

(Fresno, CA) – Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) Food Services will provide free and healthy meals for children at various locations across Fresno County during the winter break. We already cater to 15 sites in Fresno, and starting December 20, two of our colorful Food Express Buses will deliver to 10 additional locations. Lunches will be provided through January 7, 2022. There will be no service December 24 or 31.

“It’s unacceptable that any children in our community are going hungry,” said Jon Escobar, Fresno EOC Food Services Director. “We live in the agricultural capital of the world and we want to make sure those youth continue to get fed during the winter when schools are closed and children lack access to meals.”

According to the latest data from [Feeding America](#), more than 61,000 children in Fresno County were food insecure in 2019. When regular school is not in session, these children may not have access to nutritious meals.

Fresno EOC prepares and provides healthy lunches which must meet strict United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and California Department of Education (CDE) nutrition guidelines.

Meals will be made available to all children 1-18 years of age without any eligibility documentation. Our agency does not discriminate against any person because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Please note, face masks are required upon entrance. You can view all of the sites here: [www.fresnoeoc.org/food-services](http://www.fresnoeoc.org/food-services).

Fresno EOC began administering the traditional Summer Food Service Program in 1991 with only two sites. Last summer, the program distributed food to 33 sites, including both urban and rural locations. Fresno EOC continues to seek opportunities to expand services.



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