



**NEWS RELEASE**

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For Immediate Release

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**SDJ providing meal options for children during COVID-19 public health emergency**  
*“grab & go” stations will soon be complemented by text delivery option*

JANESVILLE—Beginning Thursday, March 19, 2020, and continuing on all weekdays during the public health emergency as declared by Governor Evers, the School District of Janesville (SDJ) will provide any child 18 years old and younger with access to a free lunch and breakfast. The meals will be provided in a “grab & go” set-up at 8 school locations across Janesville between the hours of 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

For the “grab & go” meal distribution, SDJ is using a drive through model, with walk ups welcomed. Children are able to stop and get out of vehicle to pick up meals. Per federal law, families are only allowed 1 meal per child in the car or per child present. Each “grab & go” meal includes a lunch for that day, and a breakfast for the following morning.

The “grab & go” meal distribution sites are:

<b>Drive Up Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Drive Up Tent Location</b>
Craig High School	401 S. Randall Street	Eastside of school, lower cafeteria level
Parker High School	3125 S. Mineral Point Road	Westside parking lot
Marshall Middle School	25 S. Pontiac Drive	Main entrance
Edison Middle School	1649 S. Chatham Street	Main entrance
Jefferson Elementary School	1831 Mt. Zion Avenue	Main entrance
Madison Elementary School	331 N. Grant Avenue	Main entrance
Van Buren Elementary School	1515 Lapham Street	Door #2, Circle Drive
Wilson Elementary School	465 Rockport Road	Main entrance

**NEW OPTION:** In addition to our “grab & go” pick up sites, starting the week of March 23, 2020, families may order by TEXT Message for meals for each child 18 years old and younger to be delivered the next day. Parents/Guardians wishing to order by text to have the ‘grab & go’ meal delivered to their home may send a text to 608-921-1874, and must include the following information:

- Their name, home address, and telephone number; and
- Number of meals for children 18 and younger in the household.

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Text messages must be sent the day before for meal delivery the next day (i.e., send text on Monday for Tuesday delivery). The SDJ Nutrition team will review the texts and will confirm the number of eligible meals for the household. Deliveries begin at 10:00 AM daily (weekdays), and will continue until completed. Parents/Guardians can set up a single day delivery, or can set up deliveries for the entire week. Delivered meals will be left at the front door/stoop/porch.

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See <https://www.janesville.k12.wi.us/resources/covid-19-district-information> for more SDJ COVID-19 information.