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To: Superintendents of School Divisions

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Breakfast/Lunch/Snack Programs for the 2024/2025 School Year

The Health Protection Unit of Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care oversees the review of applications and issuance of Health Permits for food programs in schools that offer meals to students. Meal programs include breakfast, lunch and snack programs, and cafeterias offering more than prepackaged low-risk foods, but would not include any home economics classes where students prepare foods for their own consumption.

If your school is offering a new breakfast, lunch, or snack program previously not reviewed by our department, please register the program by completing the fillable registration form at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/environmentalhealth/protection/docs/fhp.pdf>.

The completed form along with a copy of the menu and a floor drawing listing the equipment, location of hand wash station, sinks, and dishwasher, if applicable, can be emailed to healthprotection@gov.mb.ca. Your information will be provided to the area public health inspector who will contact you for any questions and to advise if a health permit is required. Menus for each program will vary depending on the kitchen equipment and dishwashing facilities available.

Further information can be found in the attached '*School Meal Programs – Frequently Asked Questions*' document. If you have any questions on the health requirements for serving food at your school, please email healthprotection@gov.mb.ca or call 1-204-945-4204 to request contact with your local [public health inspector](#).

Sincerely,
Health Protection Unit
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