



Bringing Meals Close to Home MCSD to transport meals throughout the district during school closure

The lives of many Marshalltown Schools students and families have changed drastically in the past week amid COVID-19 concerns. Because meeting the needs of our students is of the utmost importance, the MCSD Transportation and Food Service departments are teaming up to bring meals to students across the district.

The MCSD Meals Close to Home program is an extension of the existing meal sites currently available Monday-Friday at all 10 school buildings. Beginning Monday, March 23, the Meals Close to Home program will provide six bus routes to deliver meals in Marshalltown and the MCSD areas north and south of the city.

“The MCSD Transportation Department is fully behind this effort to bring meals closer to our students,” said MCSD Transportation Director Rex Kozak. “Our drivers and monitors want to do everything they can to help out our community during this time.”

MCSD Food Service Director Lynn Large said the Meals Close to Home program is one of many ways the district is reaching out to families amid COVID-19 concerns.

“I’m hoping we’ll be able to reach more children in our community by bringing meals into their neighborhoods. During this time of uncertainty, we still want students in our community to have access to nutritious food,” Large said. “We know some students just can’t be out and about right now, so bringing the meals closer to home will help provide better access for some families.”

MCSD is coordinating with the Marshalltown Police Department on the bus routes and meal drop-off locations. Families are asked to maintain social distancing while waiting for meals, and to arrive before the time the bus is set to arrive at a given location (schedule details below) in order to pick up a meal.

During the five-minute meal drop-off period at each location, the school buses will display flashing red lights, a signal to traffic to stop so that children and families can pick up the meals safely. The signals will be the same as those used during student pick-up and drop-off under normal school circumstances.

Meals will be served with an optional snack. Food items may include sandwiches, cereal, graham crackers, muffins, fresh fruits and vegetables, and more.

All questions about meal drop-offs should be directed to the MCSD Food Service Department at (641) 754-1000. Take a look at the below bus schedules to find the nearest meal drop-off site:

Northeast Marshalltown: North of the railroad tracks and east of Highway 14/Third Avenue - Bus #3

Arrive At Time	Leave Time	Location
10:30 AM	10:40 AM	Leave Bus Barn
10:45 AM	10:55 AM	Leave Lenihan
11:00 AM	11:07 AM	At the corner of East Boone St and South 4th Ave on the North side of Boone Street Bus facing North
11:10 AM	11:17 AM	At the corner of East Linn St and South 6th Ave bus facing East
11:20 AM	11:27 AM	At the Corner of North 4th St and E Woodbury Street bus facing North
11:30 AM	11:37 AM	Corner of Riverside St and North 5th Ave
11:40 AM	11:47 AM	Corner of East Swayze and North 12th Ave
11:50 AM	11:57 AM	Corner of East Woodbury and Sharon Ave
12:00 PM	12:07 PM	Marion Apartments in front of the Office
12:10 PM	12:17 PM	Corner of East Norris St and South 16th Ave
12:20 PM	12:27 PM	Corner of Elder Street and South 15th Ave
12:30 PM	12:37 PM	Corner of S 15th Ave and East Nevada Street
12:40 PM	12:47 PM	Corner of South 14th Ave and East Nevada Street
12:50 PM	12:57 PM	Corner of South 12th Ave Place and East Nevada Street
	1:10 PM	Back at Lenihan
	1:25 PM	Back at Bus Barn clean and disinfect bus

Northwest Marshalltown: North of the railroad tracks and west of Highway 14/Third Avenue - Bus #46

Arrive At Time	Leave Time	Location
10:30 AM	10:40 AM	Leave Bus Barn
10:45 AM	10:55 AM	Leave Miller Middle School
11:00 AM	11:07 AM	Corner of Washington Street and South 9th St
11:10 AM	11:17 AM	South 4th Street by Walking trail (Bike Path)
11:20 AM	11:27 AM	Corner of South 4th Street and West Nevada Street
11:30 AM	11:37 AM	Corner of South 5th Street and West Boone Street
11:40 AM	11:47 AM	Corner of South 5th Street and West Church Street (on the North side of Church Street)
11:50 AM	11:57 AM	Corner of North 19th Street and West State Street
12:00 PM	12:07 PM	Corner of North 22nd Street and West State Street

12:10 PM	12:17 PM	Corner of N 16th Street and Kalsem Blvd
12:20 PM	12:27 PM	Corner of Jerome Street and North 8th Street
12:30 PM	12:37 PM	Corner of Hughes Street and North 4th Street
12:40 PM	12:47 PM	Corner of East North Street and North 2nd Second Ave
12:50 PM	12:57 PM	Corner of Grant Street and North Center Street in the parking lot on the Southeast Corner.
1:00 PM	1:07 PM	Tall Corn Towers by park area
	1:15 PM	Back at Miller
	1:25 PM	Back at Bus Barn clean and disinfect bus

Southeast Marshalltown: South of railroad tracks, east of Highway 14/Center Street, south to Iowa Avenue - Bus #40

Arrive At Time	Leave Time	Location
10:30 AM	10:40 AM	Leave Bus Barn
10:45 AM	10:55 AM	Leave High School
11:00 AM	11:07 AM	Go up Glenda Drive and Stop after going around Cul-de-sac
11:10 AM	11:17 AM	Corner of South 3rd Ave and Plaza Heights Road
11:20 AM	11:27 AM	Corner of South 5th Ave and Thunderbird Drive
11:30 AM	11:37 AM	Corner of South 4th Ave and Thomas Drive
11:40 AM	11:47 AM	Edgebrook Apartments in the parking lot of Building C and D
11:50 AM	11:57 AM	Near Parking Lot of East Olive Apartments (Park on South 7th Ave facing North)
12:00 PM	12:07 PM	Fellowship Baptist Church Parking Lot on East Olive Street
12:10 PM	12:17 PM	Sundance Apartments in Parking lot on South 7th Ave
12:20 PM	12:27 PM	Corner of South 9th Ave and Ratcliffe Drive
12:30 PM	12:37 PM	Corner of South 9th and East High Street
12:40 PM	12:47 PM	Corner of East High Street and Finkle Ave
12:50 PM	12:57 PM	Corner of South 7th Ave and May Street (park on South 7th Ave facing North)
1:00 PM	1:17 PM	Corner of South 11th Ave and May Street
	1:25 PM	Back to High School
	1:35 PM	Back at Bus Barn clean and disinfect bus

Southwest Marshalltown: South of railroad tracks, west of Highway 14/Center Street, south to Iowa Avenue - Bus #14

Arrive At Time	Leave Time	Location
10:30 AM	10:40 AM	Leave Bus Barn
10:45 AM	10:55 AM	Leave Lenihan School
11:00 AM	11:07 AM	Mid block of Fairway Drive
11:10 AM	11:17 AM	Mid block of Gethaman Lane
11:20 AM	11:27 AM	Corner of Maple Blvd and Gary Court
11:30 AM	11:37 AM	Corner of Wakefield Drive and Wakefield Circle
11:40 AM	11:47 AM	Corner of Waconda Road and Vermillion Lane
11:50 AM	11:57 AM	Corner of Maytag road and South 8th Street
12:00 PM	12:07 PM	Colonial Inn parking lot
12:10 PM	12:17 PM	Sunset Village (pull in by office area the frontage road)
12:20 PM	12:27 PM	Corner of South 14th Street and Greenfield Drive
12:30 PM	12:37 PM	Corner of Larkfield Court and Rolling Meadows Road
12:40 PM	12:47 PM	Go down Prairie Lane (Will need to go in and turn around at South 10th Street)
12:50 PM	12:57 PM	Back to Lenihan
	1:10 PM	Back at Bus Barn clean and disinfect bus
Arrive At Time	Leave Time	Location

MCSO Rural South: Route includes Timber Valley and Haverhill - Green Van #54

Arrive At Time	Leave Time	Location
11:00 AM	11:10 AM	Leave Bus Barn
11:15 AM	11:25 AM	Leave High School
11:35 AM	11:45 AM	Timber Valley By Mail boxes at front entry
12:00 PM	12:10 PM	Haverhill City Park
12:30 PM	12:40 PM	Back to High School
	1:00 PM	Back at Bus Barn clean and disinfect van

MCSO Rural North: Route includes Albion

Arrive At Time	Leave Time	Location
11:00 AM	11:10 AM	Leave Bus Barn
11:15 AM	11:25 AM	Leave Miller Middle School
11:35 AM	11:40 AM	Stop at the Corner of Lily Lane

11:40 AM	11:45 AM	Stop at the Corner of Merrit Road
12:00 PM	12:10 PM	Stop at City Park in Albion
12:15 PM	12:25 PM	Stop at Community Library in parking lot area
12:40 PM	12:45 PM	Back to Miller Middle School
	1:00 PM	Back at Bus Barn clean and disinfect van