This summer, local agencies and organizations will partner with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to serve Summer meals in communities across the Lone Star State. As part of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), children 18 and younger, and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old are eligible to receive meals at no cost. The meals provided by this program offer children in need a source of good nutrition when school is out during the summer. SFSP is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered in Texas by TDA.

FOOD SAFETY RELATED CONCERNS

During your entity’s reviews at summer food sites, or as health inspections are conducted, if food safety concerns are noted, please contact TDA Food and Nutrition Division’s Quality Assurance/Qaulity Control Team at FN.QAQC@TexasAgriculture.gov.
NOTIFICATION TO THE HEALTH INSPECTION AREA

Federal regulations require organizations operating SFSP to notify their corresponding health inspector that they are serving meals in the health inspection service area. TDA works to ensure its SFSP partners comply with these regulations and requires them to allow your entity to proceed with any required steps for permitting or inspection.

Approximately 300 nonprofit organizations and 350 schools will partner with TDA to serve SFSP meals and serve as summer food sponsors in 2020. With nearly 2 million food insecure children living in Texas, these healthy meals are vital.

If you have questions regarding program operations or requirements, please visit www.SummerFood.org or contact TDA at 877-TEX-MEAL.