

Food Donations for Staff During COVID-19



Thank you for wanting to help!

Everyone at Lurie Children's is focused not only on the safety of our patients and families, but on our front line health care providers and staff. Clinical and support team members from Nursing to Environmental Services are working tirelessly around the clock. Your interest in donating food to show your support and bring some much needed relief is greatly appreciated.

Q. What food items can be donated?

A. We can accept meals, snacks, etc. commercially prepared by a restaurant or food service company. We cannot accept homemade food items. Grab and go items such as sandwiches, burritos, cookies, etc. are ideal.

Q. How do the meals/treats need to be packaged?

A. All items must be wrapped for individual servings, ideally with one meal/item per bag/box. Individual wrapping can be in to-go containers, cellophane, etc. We cannot accept buffet or serve-yourself items such as pizza, large trays of unwrapped food, etc. Wrapping must be done by the restaurant during food preparation.

Q. When and where should I drop off the food donations?

A. Please make these following arrangements for food deliveries:

- Contact Kasey Emmel, Donor Relations at kemmel@luriechildrens.org or 312-227-7283 to ensure guidelines haven't changed, to schedule your delivery and have staff members available to accept the delivery.
- We will need to know the anticipated date/time, the items provided and the cell number of the person making the delivery.
- Deliveries will be scheduled between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm unless special arrangements are made. Delivery location and instructions will be provided to you by your contact person.
- Please don't drop by without making arrangements as we cannot assure someone will be available to accept the delivery without notice.
- Let us know if you would like a receipt for your donation.

Q. Can I deliver the items to staff personally?

A. Staff members will meet the delivery person at the employee entrance. Visitors are not able to enter the hospital at this time.

Q. Who will receive the donations?

A. Food donations are being distributed among clinical and support staff on an as needed, rotating basis. We will include areas such as Nursing, Respiratory Therapists, Environmental Services, Laboratory Services and more.

Q. Can I donate gift cards instead of food?

A. Gift cards of \$10 or less for PotBelly and Dunkin Donuts (24 hrs) are welcome, as they are on campus and easy for staff to access. Gift card donations are especially ideal for night staff.

Q. Can I donate meals to inpatients?

A. To find out if food donations for patient families are possible, please contact Kasey Emmel at kemmel@luriechildrens.org or 312-227-7283.