SERVING MILK DURING SCHOOL CLOSURES

Successful Practices Shared from the Field

- If possible, move refrigeration equipment or milk boxes from closed schools to sites that are operating, to allow for additional milk storage.
- Use reusable "fake ice." This comes in blankets and cubes.
- Two-crate and four-crate barrels with freezer panels can be secured on buses for transporting milk.
- Use dollies, carts and ramps to load heavy coolers and milk crates into buses.
- Use handicap buses equipped with lift gates for easier loading.
- National Guard is helping serve meals in metro areas around the country. Ask if they're available in your area.
- Schools are reporting freezing or partially freezing milk prior to distribution – see below for more guidance on freezing milk.
- Milk processors have been willing to help by delivering milk to SFSP sites and/or bulk meal deliveries.
- Refrigerated trailer rentals may be an option.
- Consider using bulk milk (1/2 gallons and gallons) for multiple meals served to one student/family – see below for more guidance on bulk milk.

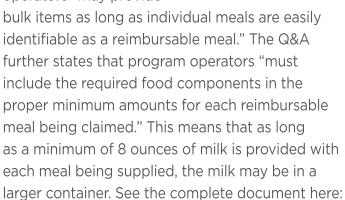
Freezing Milk

Freezing milk is safe and may help reduce concerns of staying at a safe temperature during transport. We recommend trying this to test how the different containers (cartons or jugs) perform. Here is a link to an article about freezing milk that is on National Dairy Council Website:

https://www.usdairy.com/news-articles/can-you-freeze-milk

Bulk Milk

USDA issued a Q&A document and question 18 states that program operators "may provide



https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP13-2020s-a.pdf



For additional support and resources, please contact American Dairy Association North East at **Schools@milk4u.org**, or visit our special informational site at **www.americandairy.email/covid19**. Thank you for your invaluable efforts on behalf of our children!