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Summer Food Service Program Begins May 31

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Hosts Summer Food Program Providing Free Meals to Children

CHAMPAIGN, IL – The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) is hosting the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) again this year, beginning Friday, May 31. The program provides free breakfast and lunch throughout the summer months when children are not in school. SFSP is sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education and will run through August 9.

Meals are served on a first-come, first-served basis to children aged one to 18 in the CUPHD lobby located at 201 West Kenyon Road in Champaign, Monday through Friday. Breakfast is served 9:00 am to 10:30 am, and lunch is served 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. There will be no service on June 19 and July 4. All meals must be eaten on site, and there is no sign-up required to participate.

Meals will be provided without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. There will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Individuals can file a program complaint of discrimination by completing the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (AD-3027) found online at <https://www.usda.gov/oascr/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer> and at any USDA office. There is also information on how to file by fax and mail on the site.

“The Summer Food Service Program is a very important program. Many children get most of their nutrient intake from school food service nine months out of the year and it can be a challenge for some families during the summer. We are very pleased to be able to provide this service when school is out,” according to Brandon Meline, director of Maternal and Child Health.

Adds Administrator Julie Pryde, “Champaign-Urbana Public Health District is proud to serve as a site for the Summer Food Service Program. This year marks our 15th year as a site for this very important

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service. We encourage families with children to take advantage of this program and use our building to avoid summer's heat. In addition to the breakfast and lunch, we also have free books, free Wi-Fi, cold air conditioning, and Disney+ on the lobby tv."

For more information on SFSP, visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sunmeals>.

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