

# NON-CONGREGATE MEALS

## Office of School and Community Nutrition Programs

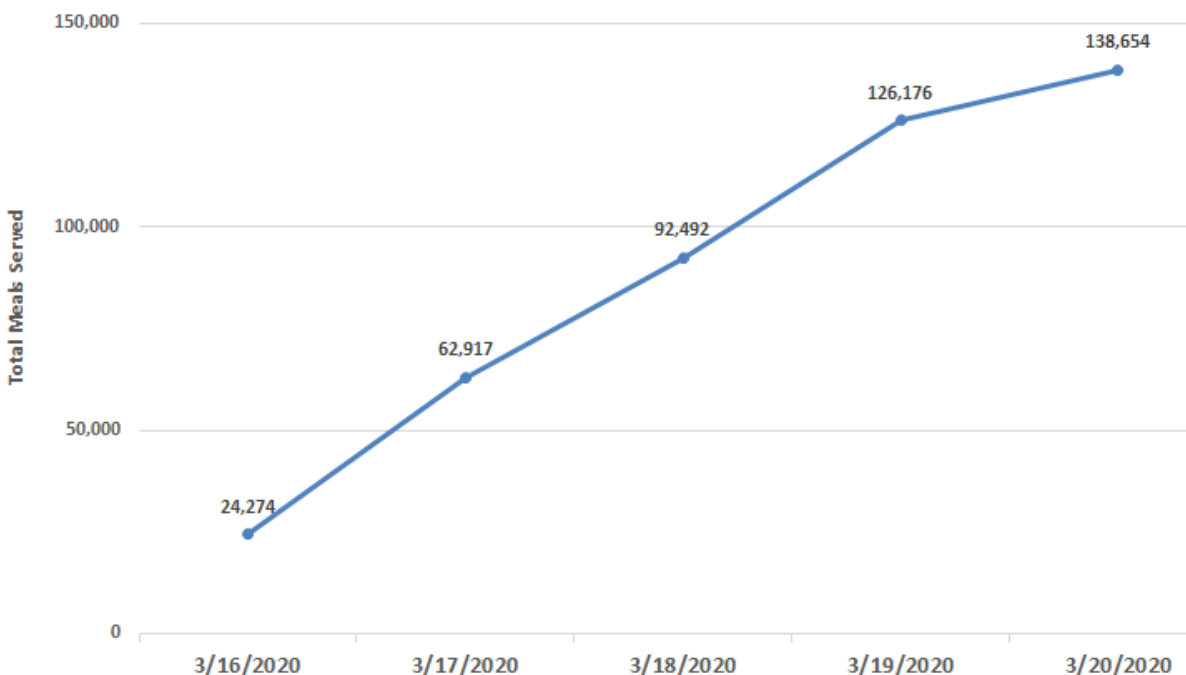
### Key Information

- Superintendent of Maryland Public Schools, Karen Salmon, with the consent of the State Board of Education, ordered public schools to close effective March 13, 2020, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. On March 25, 2020, Dr. Salmon and The Board extended the temporary school closures until April 24, 2020.
- The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and Office of School and Community Nutrition Programs (OSCNP) and Maryland schools are committed to continuing meal service for children and teens during the temporary school closures.
- Maryland schools and agencies are offering free 'Grab-N-Go' meals, in a non-congregate setting through the use of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

Visit [MDsummerMeals.org](http://MDsummerMeals.org) to find available sites and meal times in Maryland.

## Initial Non-Congregate Meal Service Implementation

Statewide Meals Served by Day: March 16 - 20, 2020



### First Week Highlights

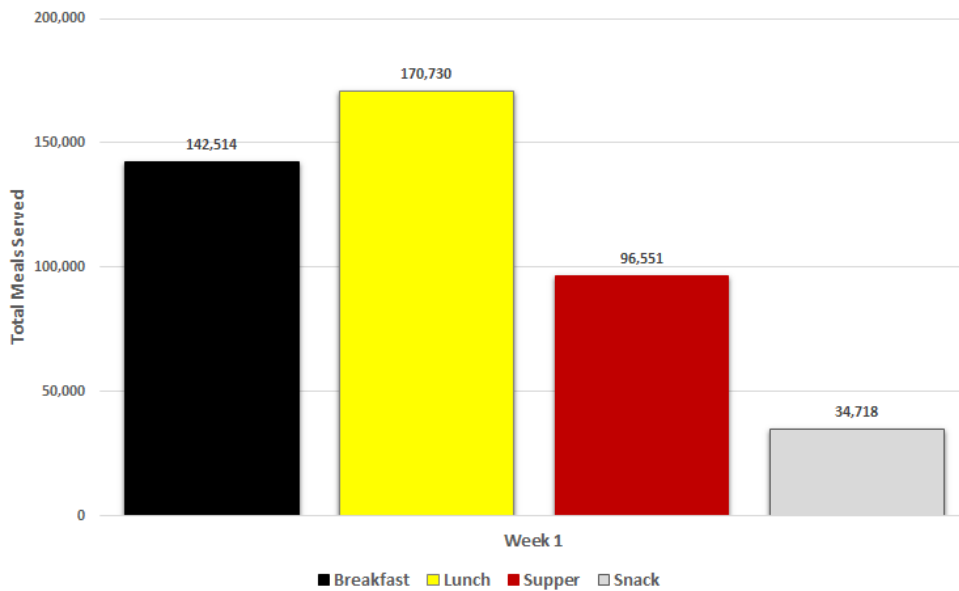
- MSDE submitted multiple waivers to the USDA to allow schools and agencies in Maryland to continue meal services for children and teens during the temporary school closures.
- In one business day, schools and agencies across Maryland drastically changed their meal service and production operating procedures in order to administer and offer meals in a non-congregate setting.
- In the first day of meal service over 24,000 meals were served to Maryland's youth. By the end of the week, the number of meal served had increased exponentially, serving over 138,000 meals.

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## Statewide Total Meals Served (3/16-3/20)

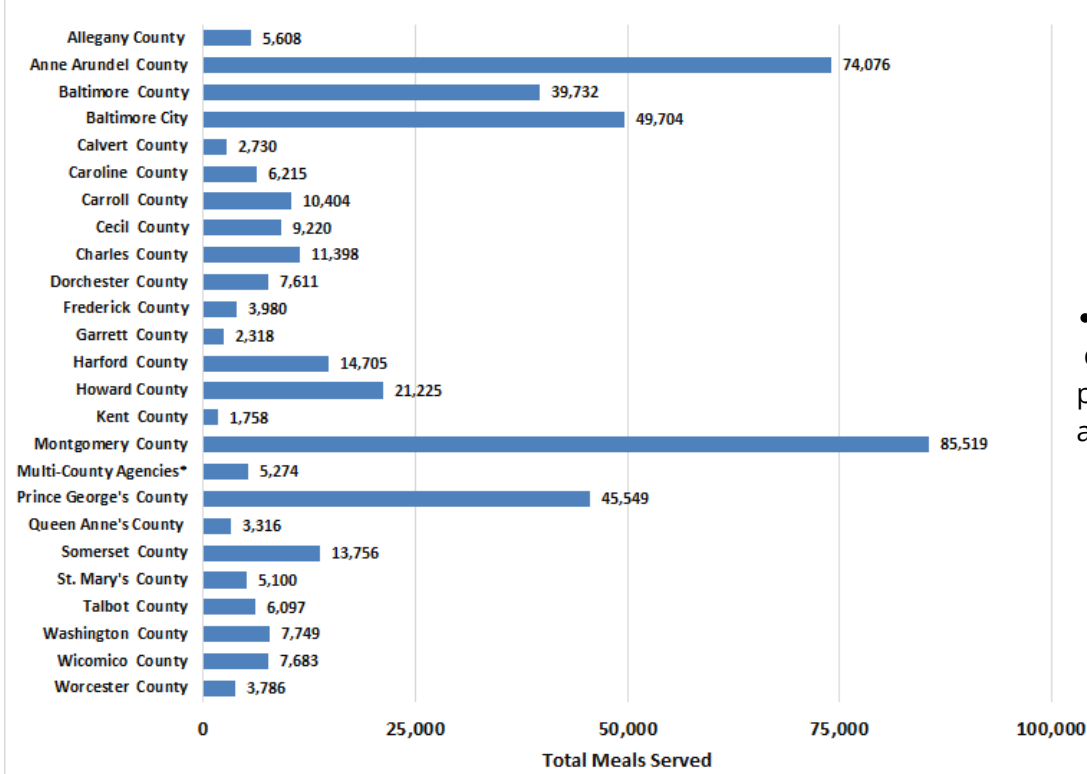
Statewide Meals Served by Type: March 16 - 20, 2020



- In Week 1, Maryland sponsors served over 444,500 Grab-N-Go meals to children and teens.

## Total Meals Served by County (3/16-3/20)

Total Meals Served by County: March 16 - 20, 2020



- County numbers vary due to county population, site eligibility, and region