

GLEANERS

Summer Meals for Kids



During summer months when school is out, additional stress is often placed on families already struggling to meet day to day needs. Suddenly, children home from school need breakfast and lunch – not just dinner. For the most desperate among us, this can mean a time when working parents are juggling the added expenses not just of food, but of child care, back-to-school shopping for fall, and more.

In summer 2019, Gleaners will expand our Summer Meals for Kids program to 19 counties – an increase from the 16 we served last summer. We're also expanding the way we serve these kids, using virtually every opportunity at our disposal to help families bridge the gap when school is out. Specifically:

- **Summer BackSacks:**
 - Distributed weekly to 40 program sites in Marion County
 - Children participating in program sites receive fresh fruit each week
- **Family Meals Boxes:**
 - Bulk boxes of family-sized food items distributed to children and families in 8 counties
 - Option to receive assorted fresh fruits and vegetables
- **School-Based Pantries:**
 - Remain open and serving during the summer months in 14 counties
 - Distributions include fresh produce and Family Meal Boxes, if requested

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