

# Food Safety for School Meal Distribution

## STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

### Fluid Milk, String Cheese, Yogurt and Fruit Juice

#### Refrigeration required.

Consume by the "Best By" date printed on the package.



### Cut Fruit, Cut Vegetables and Cold Fruit Cups

#### Refrigeration required.

Consume by the "Best By" date printed on the package.



### Fresh Whole Fruit

#### Refrigeration recommended

to retain freshness but not required. Discard when quality is no longer acceptable.



### Dried Fruit and Shelf-stable Fruit Cups

#### No refrigeration required.

Consume by the "Best By" date printed on the package.



All foods requiring refrigeration must be kept at a temperature of 40° F or below.

### Dry Grains, Nuts and Seeds

(cereal, cereal bar, crackers, peanut/soy butter)

#### No refrigeration required.

Consume by the "Best By" date printed on the package.



### Grain-based Breakfast Items (muffin, bread, oatmeal bar, cinnamon roll)

#### Previously frozen, refrigeration required.

Consume within 5 days.



### Hot Entrees

(pizza, burger, burrito, chicken patty, grilled cheese, etc.)

#### Previously frozen, refrigeration required.

Consume within 5 days. Heat using instructions on back. Consume within 4 hours of heating or discard.



### Cold Entrees

(PBJ, wrap, sub, lunch meat, cheese, etc.)

#### Previously frozen, refrigeration required.

Consume within 5 days.



Heating instructions on back



# HEATING INSTRUCTIONS

**Please Note:** These instructions are intended as guidelines. All microwave, convection and conventional ovens vary in power and temperature. All cooking times and oven temperatures are approximate and may need to be adjusted.

## MICROWAVE FROM THAWED:

1. Remove outer package (if present), leaving product wrapper intact.
2. Cook on high power for 45 seconds.
3. Check temperature. Product is ready to consume when an internal temperature of 165° F is reached.
4. Continue heating for 15-20 seconds until 165° F is reached.
5. Let sit for 1 minute, remove from wrapper and consume within 4 hours.

*\*Use caution when handling, food will be hot.*

## OVEN FROM THAWED:

1. Preheat oven to 325° F.
2. Remove all packaging and place on baking sheet.
3. Cook for 20-25 minutes.
4. Check temperature. Product is ready to consume when an internal temperature of 165° F is reached.
5. Continue heating for 5 minutes until 165° F is reached.
6. Let sit for 5 minutes and consume within 4 hours.

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