

TO-GO CONTAINERS

for School Food Service Meals

This document provides container options for Grab & Go meal components to help sponsors plan for meal service while mitigating risks posed by COVID-19 during the 2020-2021 school year. For more menu planning assistance, please contact InfoFNW@FDACS.gov.



CURBSIDE

Foil containers are a good choice for frozen curbside meals, making its transfer from the freezer to the oven easy.



Pros:

- Safe for oven, refrigerator and freezer
- Holds heavier entrees, hot or cold
- Non-absorbent

Cons:

- Non-microwaveable

Sturdy plastic containers with sealed lids are a great choice for microwaveable meals.



Pros:

- Safe for microwave, refrigerator and freezer
- Non-absorbent
- Leak resistant
- Durable

Cons:

- Not oven safe
- Higher cost



MOBILE KIOSKS & CAFETERIA

Styrofoam clamshells are an affordable container for hot or cold meals.



Pros:

- Holds cold and hot temperatures longer
- Lightweight
- Stackable

Cons:

- Not environmentally friendly
- Non-microwaveable
- Non-transparent material

Clear plastic containers are a great choice for cold grab and go items like parfaits, salads, sliced fruit and vegetables.



Pros:

- Clear material visibly displays food inside
- Varied sizes allow packing of different meal components
- Safe for refrigerator

Cons:

- Does not hold heat
- Non-microwaveable

Bagasse containers are an eco-conscious container made from recycled sugarcane.



Pros:

- Environmentally friendly
- Conserves Heat
- Microwaveable
- Safe for freezer

Cons:

- Higher cost
- Non-transparent material

Paper is an affordable eco-conscious container that comes in open and closed designs.



Pros:

- Environmentally friendly
- Paper boats display food
- Collapsible design requires less storage

Cons:

- Non-transparent material
- No dividers for multiple compartments



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