



Are Mobile Meals Right for Your Community?

As Arizona schools operate virtual or hybrid learning plans, it can be difficult for children to access the nutritious meals available through the National School Lunch Program or Summer Food Service Program if they are not doing in-person learning. Mobile meals require significant planning, coordination, and creative problem solving to be successful. The following questions are meant to help you make a preliminary assessment to determine if your community has a need for mobile meal service:

- Are your school sites doing distance learning only or a hybrid of in-person and distance?
- Is transportation a barrier for children to access meals served at the school site?
- Are school schedules a barrier for children to access meals served at the school site?
- Would children be able to easily access the location(s) where you plan to serve mobile meals without significant physical barriers or safety concerns?
- Have options for fixed site locations been exhausted?
- Do you have the support of school administration and the community for mobile meal service?

If you answered 'yes' to the questions above, serving mobile meals via bus routes or home deliveries may be a favorable solution to low participation.

Adapted from [No Kid Hungry's SFSP Mobile Meals Toolkit](#) and in partnership with the Arizona School Nutrition Programs Advisory Council.