



LUNCH LOGISTICS

Teachers and Parents in Smart Restart APS did a creative brainstorming session to think about logistics...

Overall:

- Need safe meal plans quickly at all schools because students are already back.
- Current school meal plans vary widely school-by-school, based apparently on principal discretion. (See below)
- Even schools that are currently planning for outdoor meals do not have the ability to do so on rainy days due to lack of outdoor covered areas. It's important to have safe meals on all weather days, rainy days included.
- An overall strategy could be to hold outdoor meals to the greatest extent possible at every school, with coverings/awnings/tents purchased by APS. For schools that do not have space - or for students who cannot access outdoor lunch - develop safer indoor plans using best-practices mitigation, such as Upper Room Germicidal UV boxes.

Outside Meal Logistics:

- Need to assess outdoor space at each school to determine if sufficient space for outdoor lunch
- Need equipment to hold meals outside in the rain:
 - Top-only tents or awnings. Don't use tents with sides, that just creates another indoor-like space.
 - Tents - consider sturdiness, how long are they meant they stay up, security (susceptible to vandalism in off hours?)
 - Where will students sit - mats, sitalongs, tables, chairs.
 - Equipment: how long will it take to source, order, arrive. What is the available budget?
 - Backup plans needed for safe lunch indoors for students who can't access outdoor lunch (allergies, medical conditions, elopement, etc.), for schools that don't have enough outdoor space, or for severe inclement weather (tornado, thunderstorms) (see below)
- Need appropriate clothing for all students. Parents (perhaps involving PTAs, CCPTA) could help with clothing drives.
- Staffing to supervise outdoor lunch:
 - Is additional staffing needed or same staffing level as indoors?
 - Will need some staff to supervise smaller groups of students indoors who can't access outdoor lunch
 - If use extra staff beyond the usual cafeteria monitors, make sure they are trained in CPR and epi pen administration

- Logistics to move kids in and out of building for lunch:
 - Is extra time needed to walk kids in and out of the building? (Does this add time on top of the regular walk to the cafeteria? Likely depends on proximity of outdoor space to cafeteria at each school)
 - Need to get kids from point A to B, staying socially distanced and monitored with a bathroom stop beforehand so they can wash hands. Typically multiple lines would be together in pre-COVID times. (This need already would exist if walking to cafeteria but may use different routes and bathrooms to access outside)
- Access to school meals
 - Consider providing school lunch in grab and go bags as it is now.
 - Will students go through the cafeteria line indoors first or can staff bring lunch outside to students?
- Budget? Role for parents/PTAs/CCPTA in fundraising? But would have to be equitable across schools.
- Master sample hybrid schedules may be helpful for elementary school, middle school, and high school that includes outdoor lunch.

Indoor meal logistics:

- Partitions do not block aerosolized virus and can even make things worse by creating and trapping pockets of air that contain higher levels of virus. Please do not use partitions that will make cafeterias or classroom areas more risky and prevent the mixing of air in the rooms.
- Which spaces to use? CDC says to use classrooms and not cafeterias, but cafeterias may be ok with upper room GUVs.
- The best option for mitigation in a cafeteria may be Upper Room Germicidal UV Units
- How to get indoor groups as small and spaced out as possible? Can you split one lunch period further into two smaller shifts?

Breakfast:

- Consider logistics for breakfast, some are the same as lunch (see above), some differences
- Could APS offer a grab-and-go breakfast to take home for the next day, so breakfast isn't eaten at school?

General:

- Half days would eliminate at-school lunch, could provide take-home lunch to eat when AM shifts get home, or for PM shift to eat the next day
- Outdoor lunch plans currently vary widely school by school, apparently based on principal discretion. All schools need a safe lunch plan.