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To the Joaquin ISD Community:

New Child Nutrition Program guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced the continued extension of nationwide flexibilities that allow free school meals for all children throughout the entire 2020-2021 school year. This waiver allows the Joaquin Child Nutrition Department to customize meal service to suit the specific needs of our community, school and children.

1. Beginning Monday, November 2, 2020 throughout the school year ending on May 21, 2021, all breakfast and lunch meals will be free to all students 18 and under as well as students enrolled with disabilities up to 21 years of age.
2. Meals will also be provided from 10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. at the Joaquin ISD School Cafeteria loading dock in the bus lane for students enrolled in virtual learning and children 18 and younger in our area. Students must pick up their meals and if in grades 4th and up must be wearing a face mask. They must have their Student ID # each time a meal is picked up. If the child is not in school and under 18 the child must be present to receive a meal. Parents/students will come up the ramp to the back door of the cafeteria, ring doorbell and pickup meals.
3. For additional information on no cost meals served to students and children, please contact your Child Nutrition Director at Joaquin ISD at 936-269-3128 ext. 335

Sincerely,

Judy Strong
Child Nutrition Director