

Beginning **April 4**, all NYCDOE cafeterias may resume normal meal service. Plan to transition all students back to the cafeterias to participate in the meal service, as they did prior to the pandemic. Every effort should be made to have students return to the cafeteria for meal services, so that they can participate in the full meal service on the serving line. When students have options in the cafeteria, there tends to be higher engagement with the meal program, resulting in better consumption and less waste. Note that salad bars will be reopened as well, to allow students to enjoy additional portions of vegetables with their lunch.

School food service managers will be meeting with you in the coming weeks to discuss this transition and facilitate a successful return to the service lines. Ahead of this time and if you have questions about implementing this guidance, contact your school food service manager.

For questions related to COVID-19, email [covid19virus@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:covid19virus@schools.nyc.gov).