

PARISH/SCHOOL EVENT FOOD POLICY

During the re-opening period, much like restaurants, parishes and schools hosting events should comply with the State of California's standards for food services to protect the health and safety of the parish community. These complete guidelines can be found at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-restaurants-bars-wineries--en.pdf>.

This is a transitional policy during the re-opening of churches and schools. The need for this policy will be reviewed periodically and revised as appropriate. Parishes and schools will receive notice of such changes in writing. The transitional policy is summarized here as follows:

1. Food for events (whether for sale or not) must be either prepared by an outside food service or prepared at the church or school on the day/night of the event.
2. No potluck or home-prepared food will be permitted at parish or school events. Any home-prepared food shall not be consumed on church or school property at events. There are no exceptions.
3. Food trucks or other food services vehicles shall be permitted only when properly licensed by the county or city in which they operate, and after providing the parish or school with evidence of liability insurance meeting the Diocesan insurance requirements.
https://www.oakdiocese.org/documents/2019/10/Certificate_of_Insurance_Required_Verbiage_and_Samples-REV22Oct2018-1.pdf
Evidence of the vendor's liability insurance must be provided by the parish or school to the Director of Insurance and Benefits, Diocese of Oakland, at least five calendar days before the scheduled event. Events that do not provide such evidence of liability insurance will be cancelled.
4. All persons preparing or serving food on parish or school property must wear face coverings (covering both mouth and nose) and sanitary gloves while preparing or serving food.
5. All persons preparing or serving food at parish or school events will be required to self-attest in a signed document they have no COVID-19 symptoms. The self-attestation form will contain the Illness Self-Assessment questions.
6. Events involving food must be planned in advance, and each parish or school must assign in advance an employee or volunteer manager to do the following:
 - Inform the Insurance & Benefits Department of the date and time of the event, and whether food will be provided or not.
 - Confirm distribution of this written policy to all attendees at least ten days before the event, including the self-attestation form;
 - Maintain the self-attestation forms at the parish or church

- Be present at the event, monitor food preparation and serving, and remove anyone from involvement with food preparation or serving unwilling to comply with this policy.