



# Brighter Choice

**CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

*for Boys & Girls*

## **Brighter Choice Charter School CO-VID 19 Meal Plan**

On Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Brighter Choice Charter School sent our COVID-19 Child Nutrition Meal Application to the CNCCOVID email address provided by NYSED. Our application was approved that same day at 12:35 PM.

Per the application, Brighter Choice Charter School decided to start serving meals a week after any COVID-19 related closure to allow time to order the food and establish a procedure to ensure the safety of employees distributing food to families. Brighter Choice Charter School started serving meals to families on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 8am-10am. The meals available during this time were breakfast and lunch. Families were asked to “grab and go” both these meals from the back parking lot of our Girls School location- 250 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206.

**Communication of the availability of the meals was made to families using the following methods:**

- Social Media through Brighter Choice Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Email & Phone blast messages to families.

**To ensure the proper operations of the program the following occurred:**

- Meals came from our vendor and met compliant meal patterns with production records.
- Meal counts were completed by staff that was distributing the meals, this occurred daily.
- Our food service manager ensured daily paperwork was being completed and organized.
- Food would be served following our standard HACCP procedures.

**Update: Starting on Monday, April 6 Brighter Choice Charter School will no longer provide grab and go meals at 250 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 due to low participation.**

- Families will be notified via our social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) as well as by text and email blasts.
- Families will be provided locations within our larger districts (Albany, Schenectady, and Troy) of where meals can be picked up via district websites.
- Albany pick-up locations via: <https://www.albanyschools.org/news/1676819/meals-for-students>
- Schenectady pick up locations via: <http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=412336&pageId=14367093> (click on the PDF for meal information).
- Troy pick up locations via: <http://www.troycsd.org/coronavirus/> (scroll down to the meals section for meal information).