



# Food Handling

Ready Roos operates under the Guidelines of the PA Department of Human Services. In relation to meals, we comply with the provisions as stated in Sections 3270.161 - 3270.169.

While we have not yet commenced the provisioning of meals to our hungry little roos, we wanted to provide you with some insight on how we manage the meals provided by you.

We appreciate the care and thought our families put into preparing food for their children to bring to childcare. Your involvement helps support your child's comfort and nutritional needs during the day. However, we kindly ask that food from home be kept simple, appropriately portioned, and nutritionally balanced.

To stay compliant and support children's health and safety:

- Please avoid sending large quantities, overly processed snacks or foods high in sugar, salt or saturated fats.
- If your child has dietary restrictions, please notify us in writing so we can accommodate their needs.
- All food must be labeled with the child's name and the date, and we cannot reheat or serve home-prepared food unless prior arrangements are made.

Our goal is to work in partnership with you to ensure that all children receive healthy meals and snacks while also complying with state regulations. Thank you for your understanding and support.

## **PA Department of Human Services - § 3270.161 - Food.**

- a) Food stored, prepared or served shall be clean, wholesome, free from spoilage, free from adulteration and safe for human consumption.
- b) Food handling practices shall conform to the requirements of the Department of Health or the Department of Environmental Resources or its delegate agency where the child care facility is located.
- c) Food that has been previously served to a person or returned from a table shall be discarded.
- d) Potentially hazardous food brought from the child's home or provided by the facility shall be refrigerated.
- e) Fresh fruits and vegetables that are not used on the day of purchase shall be refrigerated.
- f) The only canned foods permitted for children's consumption are those commercially preserved in airtight jars or cans.
- g) A facility shall provide a sufficient number of refrigerators to contain foods which require refrigeration.

**Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.**