



# Food Safety

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 - 3270.166.

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 our Academy. Your involvement helps support your child's comfort and nutritional needs during the day. Regulations relevant to meal safety and management are highlighted in bold below:

## **PA Department of Human Services - § 3270.108 - Utensils.**

(b) Disposable cups, plates and eating utensils may be used if discarded after each use.

- Reusable (tableware used at home) and disposable utensils can only be used during a single meal.
- Food items that require heating must be sent in individual containers.
- Food that requires cooking, we ask that you do that at home and send in a microwave safe container.
- Glass containers. If you prefer glass for microwave reheating, please also send in a paper bowl so that the food can be served in the paper bowl and not in glass. Bowls are always preferred over plates.

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

(c) Food that has been previously served to a person or returned from a table shall be discarded.

- To minimize waste, we ask that meals are appropriately portioned.
- We are required to discard opened, offered food that is uneaten at each meal.
- We do not store extra food or drink from day-to-day.
- Refrigerators are emptied daily of all food and drink brought in.

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

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

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