

HEALTHY INFANT MEAL PATTERN

			REQUIRED MINIMUM QUANTITIES		
	FOOD COMPONENTS	FOOD ITEMS	BIRTH THROUGH 3 MONTHS	4 THROUGH 7 MONTHS	8 MONTHS THROUGH 1 ST BIRTHDAY
BREAKFAST	Breastmilk or Iron-fortified Infant Formula		4-6 fl. oz.	4-8 fl. oz.	6-8 fl. oz.
	Vegetable/Fruit		0	0	1-4 Tbsp.
	Iron-fortified Infant Cereal		0	0-3 Tbsp.	2-4 Tbsp.
SNACK Bre	Breastmilk or Iron-fortified Infant Formula		4-6 fl. oz.	4-6 fl. oz.	2-4 fl. oz.
	Bread or Cracker-type Product	Whole Grain or Enriched Bread or	0	0	0-1/2 slice
		Whole Grain or Enriched Cracker-type Product or	0	0	0-2 crackers
		Teething Biscuit, Arrowroot Cookies	0	0	0-2 each
LUNCH OR	Breastmilk or Iron-fortified Infant Formula		4-6 fl. oz.	4-8 fl. oz.	6-8 fl. oz.
SUPPER	Vegetable/Fruit		0	0-3 Tbsp.	1-4 Tbsp.
	Iron-fortified Infant Cereal and/or Meat/Meat Alternate	Infant Cereal or	0	0-3 Tbsp.	2-4 Tbsp.
		Lean Meat, Poultry or Fish or	0	0	1-4 Tbsp.
		Egg Yolk or	0	0	1-4 Tbsp.
		Cooked Dry Beans, Peas or Lentils or	0	0	1-4 Tbsp.
		Cheese or	0	0	1/2-2 oz.
		Cottage Cheese	0	0	2-8 Tbsp.

Breastmilk or formula, or portions of both, may be served. However, it is recommended that breastmilk be served in place of formula from birth through the infant's first birthday.

For breastfed infants who regularly consume less than the minimum amount of breastmilk per feeding, a serving of less than the minimum amount of breastmilk may be offered, as long as additional breastmilk is offered if the infant is still hungry.

Because the introduction of solid foods serves an important purpose in an infant's daily diet, solid foods are required as part of a reimbursable meal for infants who are developmentally ready for them. The decision to feed specific foods should always be made in consultation with an infant's parent or guardian.

For infants receiving solid foods, the provider must supply at least one component of the meal to request reimbursement, either formula or a food item.

100% fruit juice may be substituted for breastmilk or infant formula as a snack for infants 8 months of age and older; it must be served from a cup.

No more than one serving of juice may be served per day.

A CACFP income eligible day care home provider can only claim meals served to their own child at a mealtime when other enrolled, non-resident children are present.

See DOH-CACFP Policy Memo No. 120 for additional information.

Refer to the *Crediting Foods in CACFP* for information about specific meal components.

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