

# HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

## HISD joins COVID-19 Strike Team to distribute food, safety items at Southwest Houston apartment complex

**WHAT:** HISD Nutrition Services is partnering with the Houston Health Department COVID-19 Strike Team to deliver meals to virtual learning students in underserved neighborhoods while also providing their families and neighbors with personal protective equipment.

The unique and innovative relationship builds upon the district's existing food distribution model, which includes a first-of-its-kind initiative that taps Nutrition Services Houston Eats catering staff to deliver meals directly to virtual learning students at their homes.

Launched last summer with just three apartment complexes, the program now delivers a week's worth of breakfast and lunch to a rotating list of 25 apartment complexes with large populations of virtual learning students. The team served nearly 500,000 meals to more than 35,000 students in their first six months of operation.

The delivery of student meals alongside personal protective equipment on Thursday is designed to keep students fed and their communities safe from the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

**WHO:** HISD Nutrition Services Executive Chef **David Husbands**  
Houston Health Department Community Relations Specialist-COVID-19 Strike Team **LaShon Cooper**

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 11, 2021  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Chestnut Hill Apartments (front parking lot)  
7500 Bellerive Dr., 77036

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