Eating Through Meal Patterns

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM New Infant Meal Pattern



Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper	
Birth through 5 months	6 through 11 months
4-6 fluid ounces breastmilk ¹ or formula ²	6-8 fluid ounces breastmilk¹ or formula²; and
	0-4 tablespoons infant cereal ^{2,3} meat, fish, poultry, whole egg, cooked dry beans, or cooked dry peas; or 0-2 ounces of cheese; or 0-4 ounces (volume) of cottage cheese; or 0-4 ounces or 1/2 cup of yogurt ⁴ ; or a combination of the above ⁵ ; and 0-2 tablespoons vegetable or fruit or a combination of both ^{5,6}

¹Breastmilk or formula, or portions of both, must be served; however, it is recommended that breastmilk be served in place of formula from birth through 11 months. For some 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, with additional breastmilk offered at a later time if the infant will consume more. ²Infant formula and dry infant cereal must be iron-fortified.

- ³ Beginning October 1, 2019, ounce equivalents are used to determine the quantity of creditable grains.
- ⁴Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces.
- ⁵A serving of this component is required when the infant is developmentally ready to accept it.
- ⁶ Fruit and vegetable juices must not be served.



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Snack	
Birth through 5 months	6 through 11 months
4-6 fluid ounces breastmilk ¹ or formula ²	2-4 fluid ounces breastmilk ¹ or formula ² ; and
	0-½ slice bread ^{3,4} ; or 0-2 crackers ^{3,4} ; or 0-4 tablespoons infant cereal ^{2,3,4} or ready-to-eat breakfast cereal ^{3,4,5,6} ; and
	0-2 tablespoons vegetable or fruit, or a combination of both ^{6,7}

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- ² Infant formula and dry infant cereal must be iron-fortified.
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- ⁴ A serving of grains must be whole grain-rich, enriched meal, or enriched flour.
- ⁵ Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21.2 grams sucrose and other sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal).
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