

Maryland State Department of Education
Child and Adult Care Food Program
Infant Menu Planner – Birth to 12 Months



CYCLE 3 WEEK 1

Center Name: _____

Week of: March 2nd – March 6th, 2026

Please note: Babies should be fed when they are hungry and not restricted to a rigid schedule.

Meal Pattern	Minimum Requirements		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	6-8 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Meat/poultry/egg/fish/cooked dry peas/beans or Cheese or Cottage cheese or Yogurt	None	0-4 Tbsp.	Baby Rice Cereal	Baby Oatmeal Cereal	Yogurt	Baby Oatmeal Cereal	Baby Rice Cereal
		0-4 Tbsp.					
		0-2 oz.					
		0-4 oz.					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Pears	Sweet Potatoes	Banana	Peas	Peaches
SNACK—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	2-4 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Bread or Crackers or Ready-to-eat breakfast cereal	None	0-4 Tbsp.	Cheerios	Animal Crackers	Teething Biscuits	Infant Crackers	Infant Puffs
		0 - ½ slice					
		0-2					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Banana	Pears	Peaches	Banana	Applesauce
LUNCH/SUPPER—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	6-8 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Meat/poultry/egg/fish/cooked dry peas/beans or Cheese or Cottage cheese or Yogurt	None	0-4 Tbsp.	Baby Turkey	Baby Roast Beef	Baby Chicken	Baby Turkey	Baby Roast Beef
		0-4 Tbsp.					
		0-2 oz.					
		0-4 oz.					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Peas	Green Beans	Squash	Sweet Potatoes	Carrots

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CYCLE 3 WEEK 2

Center Name: _____

Week of: March 9th – March 13th, 2026

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Meal Pattern	Minimum Requirements		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	6-8 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Meat/poultry/egg/fish/cooked dry peas/beans or Cheese or Cottage cheese or Yogurt	None	0-4 Tbsp.	CLOSED	Baby Rice Cereal	Baby Oatmeal Cereal	Baby Rice Cereal	Baby Oatmeal Cereal
		0-4 Tbsp.					
		0-2 oz.					
		0-4 oz.					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Peaches	Peas	Banana	Pears	Green Beans
SNACK—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	2-4 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Bread or Crackers or Ready-to-eat breakfast cereal	None	0-4 Tbsp.	CLOSED	Infant Crackers	Infant Puffs	Infant Crackers	Infant Crackers
		0 - ½ slice					
		0-2					
		0-4 Tbsp.					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Applesauce	Pears	Peaches	Banana	Applesauce
LUNCH/SUPPER—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	6-8 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Meat/poultry/egg/fish/cooked dry peas/beans or Cheese or Cottage cheese or Yogurt	None	0-4 Tbsp.	CLOSED	Baby Turkey	Baby Roast Beef	Baby Chicken	Baby Turkey
		0-4 Tbsp.					
		0-2 oz.					
		0-4 oz.					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Green Beans	Squash	Carrots	Peas	Sweet Potatoes

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CYCLE 3 WEEK 3

Center Name: _____

Week of: March 16th – March 20th, 2026

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Meal Pattern	Minimum Requirements		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	6-8 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Meat/poultry/egg/fish/cooked dry peas/beans or Cheese or Cottage cheese or Yogurt	None	0-4 Tbsp.	Baby Oatmeal Cereal	Baby Rice Cereal	Baby Oatmeal Cereal	Baby Rice Cereal	Baby Oatmeal Cereal
		0-4 Tbsp.					
		0-2 oz.					
		0-4 oz.					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Pears	Peaches	Sweet Potatoes	Banana	Apricot
SNACK—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	2-4 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Bread or Crackers or Ready-to-eat breakfast cereal	None	0-4 Tbsp.	Infants Puffs	Infant Crackers	Teething Biscuits	Infant Puffs	Teething Biscuits
		0 - ½ slice					
		0-2					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Banana	Apricot	Pears	Peaches	Applesauce
LUNCH/SUPPER—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	6-8 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Meat/poultry/egg/fish/cooked dry peas/beans or Cheese or Cottage cheese or Yogurt	None	0-4 Tbsp.	Baby Beef	Baby Turkey	Baby Chicken	Baby Turkey	Baby Chicken
		0-4 Tbsp.					
		0-2 oz.					
		0-4 oz.					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Peas	Carrots	Green Beans	Sweet Potatoes	Peaches

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CYCLE 3 WEEK 4

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Week of: March 23rd – March 27th, 2026

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Meal Pattern	Minimum Requirements		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	6-8 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Meat/poultry/egg/fish/cooked dry peas/beans or Cheese or Cottage cheese or Yogurt	None	0-4 Tbsp.	Baby Rice Cereal	Baby Oatmeal Cereal	Baby Rice Cereal	Baby Oatmeal Cereal	Baby Rice Cereal
		0-4 Tbsp.					
		0-2 oz.					
		0-4 oz.					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Banana	Apricots	Sweet Potatoes	Peaches	Pears
SNACK—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	2-4 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Bread or Crackers or Ready-to-eat breakfast cereal	None	0-4 Tbsp.	Teething Biscuits	Infant Puffs	Teething Biscuits	Infant Crackers	Infant Puffs
		0 - ½ slice					
		0-2					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Applesauce	Banana	Peaches	Pears	Apricot
LUNCH/SUPPER—3 COMPONENTS	0-5 mo.	6-12 mo.*					
1. Breast milk or iron-fortified formula	4-6 oz.	6-8 oz.	Breast milk or infant formula				
2. Iron fortified infant cereal or Meat/poultry/egg/fish/cooked dry peas/beans or Cheese or Cottage cheese or Yogurt	None	0-4 Tbsp.	Baby Chicken	Baby Roast Beef	Baby Chicken	Baby Roast Turkey	Baby Chicken
		0-4 Tbsp.					
		0-2 oz.					
		0-4 oz.					
3. Vegetable and/or fruit**	None	0-2 Tbsp.	Sweet Potatoes	Squash	Peas	Carrots	Green Beans

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