**Summer Food Service Program**

**Sample News Release: Open Sites**

*[Name of sponsor]* is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided, at a first come, first serve basis, at the sites and times as follows:

*[list all sites and the starting and ending times of meal service for each site]*

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