

STAFFING

Your staff are your right and left hands when it comes to implementing your program. When the budget is tight, so is the pressure. That pressure is magnified when staff is out ill. Encourage your staff to rise up to the many opportunities to learn and grow together.

IMPROVE STAFF MORALE

- Have a contest or a swear jar, use the money for a gift card prize
- Hold a staff challenge (steps, book club, etc.)
- Have a fun competition (water drinking, cooking contest)
- Sport a new, fun T-shirt uniform
- Have a party and celebrate your team

CREATIVELY USE YOUR RESOURCES

Schools across the country have collaborated with their transportation units to deliver lunches by school bus to local community spots and even right to the door to increase participation! Others have converted buses into food trucks to create more lines and allow for increased service while supporting social distancing. It sets a new stage for novel participation and engages the community. Because it is so inviting to so many, it allows everyone to work together and takes the pressure off your immediate staff to hold the line in difficult situations.

GATHER IN EXTRAS

It takes specific training and requirements to prepare and serve food... but what about delivery? Are there students or teachers, maybe even volunteer parents who can help get the food to where it needs to go- whether it's in the classroom or at different stations in the cafeteria or other gathering hall.

HAVE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN READY

Just like training for a fire drill and knowing the exits, keeping your staff informed of how to operate in an emergency allows for the program to continue in confidence. When staff members are confident of the plan and educated on how to move it forward, they are eager to be a leader and help.