



## McDonald's Thank You Meal Newsroom Post

### McDonald's Celebrates Healthcare Workers and First Responders with Free "Thank You Meals"

*Frontline heroes can enjoy free meals at participating U.S. McDonald's restaurants*

**CHICAGO, IL:** April 21, 2020 — In appreciation for the healthcare workers, police officers, firefighters and paramedics who are committed to our health and safety, McDonald's will offer free Thank You Meals\*, between Wednesday, April 22 and Tuesday, May 5, as a token of appreciation for their selfless service.

While the majority of America is staying home, McDonald's has remained open, with our franchisees and hardworking restaurant employees serving hot meals to communities who need quick and affordable options, especially those on the frontlines such as healthcare workers and first responders. The company is grateful for the ongoing dedication and commitment of McDonald's employees who enable McDonald's to stay open to serve our communities during these challenging times.

Each Thank You Meal will be available at no charge via drive thru or carry out at participating McDonald's restaurants nationwide through May 5. The Thank You Meal, available during breakfast, lunch or dinner, will feature a choice of sandwiches, drinks, and a side featuring small World Famous Fries or a Hash Brown, along with a note of appreciation. It will be served in McDonald's iconic Happy Meal box, in the hopes of bringing a smile along with delicious food.

Day or night, these frontline heroes can simply show their work badge to receive one of the below Thank You Meal options:

#### **Breakfast**

- A choice of an Egg McMuffin®, Chicken McGriddles® or a Bacon, Egg and Cheese Biscuit. All options come with any size soft drink, tea or hot coffee and a Hash Brown.

#### **Lunch and Dinner**

- A choice of a Double Cheeseburger, 6-Piece Chicken McNuggets® or a Filet-O-Fish® will be offered. All options come with any size soft drink, tea or hot coffee and small fries.

"We have been inspired by the way our franchisees have been going above and beyond to support their local communities throughout this trying time," said Joe Erlinger, President, McDonald's USA. "I couldn't be more proud of how our company, franchisees and supplier partners have come together to give back to those who are working tirelessly for our country. That is truly our McDonald's system at its best."

During past times of national crisis, McDonald's has helped and served communities in need, from donating funds to disaster relief efforts to providing food for those impacted by natural disasters. McDonald's commitment to feeding the nation's healthcare workers and first responders throughout the current pandemic is a continuation of that dedication. Additionally, McDonald's local franchises have also been working throughout this crisis to support the thousands of communities their restaurants call home. For example in the Greater Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia area, Owner/Operators have provided over 10,000 free Happy Meals to families who've used the McDonald's app. They've also donated over 1,200 meals to local hospitals and \$3,000 to the Ronald McDonald's Charities of Maryland and District of Columbia.



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Serving these brave men and women would not be possible without McDonald's dedicated and unwavering restaurant employees, who are also doing their part to help during this time. McDonald's employees are the heart of the business, and their health and safety has been, and will continue to be, the company's top priority. McDonald's has implemented nearly 50 new safety measures to ensure the [well-being of its employees](#), and continuing to explore additional safety steps in accordance with guidance issued by local and national health authorities including the CDC.

Nearly all McDonald's U.S. restaurants remain open and are offering convenient and contactless ways for customers to enjoy McDonald's favorites through drive thru, carry out, McDelivery, and mobile order & pay with our app.

\*Thank You Meals offered at participating US McDonald's 4/22/20 through 5/5/20. Valid ID required. Limit one per person per day. Menu options may vary by restaurant. Visit [McDonalds.com](https://www.mcdonalds.com) for more details.

### **About McDonald's Corp. U.S. COVID-19 Relief Efforts**

McDonald's approach to challenging situations is guided by our belief that we are all in this together, and our system has come together in extraordinary ways to help each other, our customers and the communities we serve. In the U.S. we remain committed to leading by example as an organization, which is why we've [donated \\$3.1 million in food](#) to support local communities, made commitments to [support truck drivers](#) across the country, donated [1 million N95 masks](#) to Chicago and the state of Illinois and donated \$1 million to the [Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund](#) to ensure non-profits in our home state have the supplies they need during this time. McDonald's has always been a home base for our communities, and we're proud to provide calm and comfort to them throughout this crisis. We are here to serve.

### **About McDonald's USA**

McDonald's USA, LLC, serves a variety of menu options made with quality ingredients to nearly 25 million customers every day. Ninety-five percent of McDonald's 14,000 U.S. restaurants are owned and operated by independent local business owners. For more information, visit [www.mcdonalds.com](https://www.mcdonalds.com), or follow us on Twitter [@McDonalds](#) and Facebook. [www.facebook.com/mcdonalds](https://www.facebook.com/mcdonalds).

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