

Food Visit Guidelines

Containers, Food Preparation, and General Guidelines

- Food containers and utensils per group should fit into one ice chest or container; maximum size of **28 quarts**. Please ensure all utensils, forks or spoons only, are lightweight and disposable. Please, no metal.
- Ensure that all containers are plastic and see through. Please wrap in plastic, waxed paper, or stored in a see-through container. Please, no aluminum foil.
- You may bring paper plates and cups. Please, no Styrofoam plates and cups.
- Please ensure all meat is sliced, shredded, diced, or minced, de-boned, and properly packaged prior to entering the Unit.
- For food safety and timeliness in processing visitors, please cut any food prior to your arrival.
- Please transfer any pre-packaged chips into a clear container or bag.
- Permissible food items include home cooked food prepared prior to arrival or you may bring fast foods.
- For purposes of allowing all eligible inmates to participate in this event with their families, please, no more than two different groups visiting the same inmate at a time, meaning a maximum of two different ice chests or containers during the visit.

Beverages and Ice

- Beverages may be purchased from the vending machines in unit visitation areas, so we are asking that you do not bring this in.
- Please bring only one bag of ice, no larger than **10 pounds** maximum.

Specific Food Items

- Please remove shells from all seafood prior to arrival.
- Put dressing on salads prior to your arrival.
- No corn on the cob, but cut corn may be brought in the appropriate container.
- Please ensure all vegetables are pared shredded, sliced, or diced.
- Please cut all baked potatoes in half.
- Please peel, quarter, or slice all fruit. **(NO WHOLE FRUIT)**
- Pre-cooked casseroles are allowed when pre-cut into serving portions.
- Please cut all pies and cakes into serving portions prior to the food visit.
- Please remove husks from all tamales and cut in half prior to arrival.
- Please ensure all bread is pre-sliced.
- Please ensure all cheese is sliced or grated.
- Tortillas are allowed, both corn and flour.
- You may bring condiments (e.g. salt, pepper) in single serving packets.