INFANT MEAL PATTERN						
BREAKFAST/LUNCH/SUPPER	SNACK					
0-5 MONTHS	0-5 MONTHS					
*4-6 oz. Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	*4-6 oz. Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4}					
6-12 MONTHS (When Developmentally Ready ⁶)	6-12 MONTHS (When Developmentally Ready ⁶)					
*6-8 oz. Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4} ; and	*2-4 oz. Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4} ; and					
*0-4 tbsp. iron-fortified infant cereal ^{4, 8} , meat, fish, poultry, whole egg, cooked dry	*0-1/2 slice bread ⁸ ; or 0-2 crackers ⁸ ; or 0-4 tbsp. iron fortified infant cereal ^{4, 8} ; or ready-					
beans, or cooked dry peas; or 0-2 oz. of cheese; or 0-4 oz. (volume) of cottage cheese;	to-eat breakfast cereal ^{8, 9} ; and					
or 0-4 oz. or 1/2 cup yogurt ⁵ ; or a combination of the above; and	*0-2 tbsp. vegetable or fruit ⁷ , or a combination of both					
* 0-2 tbsp. vegetable or fruit 7 , or a combination of both						

MEMO NOTES

¹Breastmilk or Iron Fortified Infant Formula: Breastmilk or iron fortified infant formula, or portions of both, must be served; it is recommended that breastmilk be served in place of iron fortified infant formula from birth through 11 months

²Breastfeeding On-Site: In lieu of providing expressed breastmilk, a breastfeeding mother can breastfeed their infant on-site as part of a reimbursable meal. The child care center must document that the infant was breastfed, but documentation of duration and amount is not required.

³Breastmilk Serving Size: For some breastfed infants who regularly consume less than the minimum amount of breastmilk per feeding, a serving of less than the minimum amount may be offered, with additional breastmilk offered later if the infant will consume more.

⁴Iron Fortified Infant Formula: Iron fortified infant cereal may not be offered in a bottle.

⁵Yogurt: Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 oz.

⁶Introduction of Solids: A serving of solid foods in each component is required when the infant is developmentally ready to accept it. See the NC CACFP *Provision of Breastmilk or Infant Formula and Solid Foods* form for guidance.

⁷Juice: Vegetable/fruit juices must not be served.

⁸Grains: Grains must be whole grain rich, enriched meal, or enriched flour.

⁹Breakfast Cereal: Breakfast cereal must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21 grams sucrose and other sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal.

¹⁰Additional Components: Extra components served with parent permission are not USDA reimbursable.

¹¹Water is available throughout the day: Infants older than 6 months may have small amounts of water (1-2 oz) with solid foods.

* Infant menu must be followed to meet meal pattern requirements when an infant is developmentally ready. If an infant is not developmentally ready to consume what is stated on the menu, then accommodations and substitutions may be made to allow for infant's readiness level

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CHILDS NAME: ______

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Storm Rations	AGE							
	Storm Ration-Lunch							
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron- Fortified Infant Formula ^{1,}	0-5 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)						
4	6-12 Months	(=, =,						
Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal ^{4, 6, 8} or Meat/Meat Alt		Shredded Chicken w/ Mayo & Relish (E, S)						
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Green Beans						
Additional Component May Be Offered With		Wheat Crackers (S, W)						
Parent Permission ¹⁰								

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Food Allergen Ingredients Legend: D=Dairy, E=Eggs, S=Soy, W=Wheat, C=Citrus								
CHARLIE WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
MEAL COMPONENT	AGE	December 29, 2025	December 30, 2025	December 31, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 2, 2026		
			BREAKFAST					
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	0-5 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)				
	6-12 Months							
Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal ^{4, 6, 8} or Meat/Meat Alt		Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal (W)	Iron Fortified Infant Rice Cereal (S)	Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal (W)				
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Diced Peaches	Crushed Pineapple (C)	Bananas (JF)				
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰		Cornflakes Cereal (W)	Egg Patty (D, E, S)	Kix Cereal				
LUNCH								
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	0-5 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)		Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)				
	6-12 Months							
Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal ^{4, 6, 8} or Meat/Meat Alt		Sliced Turkey	Diced Chicken w/ Alfredo Sauce (D, S)	Cowboy Beans (C)				
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Potato Salad (E,S)	Green Peas	Diced Carrots	CLOSED	CLOSED		
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰		Whole Wheat Pita Bread (W)	Linguini Noodles (W)	Cornbread (D, E, S, W)				
SNACK								
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified	0-5 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)				
Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	6-12 Months							
Grain ^{6, 8, 9}		Kix Cereal	Whole Wheat Crackers (S, W)	Cheerios Cereal				
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Carrots (JF)	Sweet Potatoes (JF)	Diced Peaches				
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰			Cucumber Slices	Dannon Light & Fit Vanilla Yogurt (D)				

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Food Allergen Ingredients Legend: D=Dairy, E=Eggs, S=Soy, W=Wheat, C=Citrus							
ALPHA WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MEAL COMPONENT *	AGE	January 5, 2026	January 6, 2026	January 7, 2026	January 8, 2026	January 9, 2026	
			BREAKFAST				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	0-5 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)		Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
Intant Formula	6-12 Months						
Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal ^{4, 6, 8} or Meat/Meat Alt		Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal (W)	Iron Fortified Infant Rice Cereal (S)	Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal (W)	Iron Fortified Infant Rice Cereal (S)	Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal (W)	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Bananas (JF)	Diced Pears	Bananas	Peaches (JF)	Blueberries	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰		Life Cereal (W)	Whole Grain French Toast Sticks (D, E, S, W)	Oatmeal w/ Brown Sugar and Cinnamon (D)	Rice Chex Cereal	Whole Wheat Pancakes (D, E, S, W)	
			LUNCH				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified	0-5 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)		Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	6-12 Months						
Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal ^{4, 6, 8} or Meat/Meat Alt		Sliced Ham	Black Beans	Egg Patty (D, E, S)	Teriyaki Diced Chicken (S, W, C)	Ground Turkey Spaghetti Sauce (C)	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Applesauce	Diced Peaches	Potato Medley	Crushed Pineapple (C)	Diced Carrots	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰		Whole Wheat Flour Tortilla <mark>(W)</mark>	Jasmine Rice	Whole Wheat Biscuit (D, S, W)	Fried Jasmine Rice (S, W)	Whole Grain Spaghetti Noodles <mark>(W)</mark>	
			SNACK				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	0-5 Months 6-12 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)		Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
Grain ^{6, 8, 9}		Whole Grain Sweet Potato Crackers (S, W)	Rice Chex Cereal	Cheerios Cereal	Whole Wheat Crackers (S, W)	Kix Cereal	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Green Beans (JF)	Carrots (JF)	Diced Peaches	Applesauce (JF)	Sweet Potatoes (JF)	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰			Cucumber Slices	Dannon Light & Fit Vanilla Yogurt (D)		String Cheese (D)	

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Food Allergen Ingredients Legend: D=Dairy, E=Eggs, S=Soy, W=Wheat, C=Citrus							
BRAVO WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MEAL COMPONENT	AGE	January 12, 2026	January 13, 2026	January 14, 2026	January 15, 2026	January 16, 2026	
			BREAKFAST				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	0-5 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)		Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal ^{4, 6, 8} or Meat/Meat Alt		Iron Fortified Infant Rice Cereal (S)	Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal (W)	Iron Fortified Infant Rice Cereal (S)	Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal (W)	Iron Fortified Infant Rice Cereal (S)	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Pears (JF)	Crushed Pineapples (C)	Bananas	Diced Peaches	Diced Mangoes	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰		Rice Crispy Cereal	Whole Wheat Pancakes (D, E, S, W)	Egg Patty (D, E, S)	Cheesy Grits (D, S, W)	Cheerios Cereal	
			LUNCH				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4}		Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)		Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
	6-12 Months						
Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal ^{4, 6, 8} or Meat/Meat Alt		String Cheese (D)	Diced Ham	Ground Turkey Taco Meat <mark>(C)</mark>	Diced Chicken w/ BBQ Sauce (C)	Ground Turkey Chili (C)	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Diced Carrots	Green Peas	Applesauce	Sweet Potatoes	Corn	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰		Whole Wheat Bread (S, W) w/ Sunbutter & Jelly	Whole Grain Macaroni & Cheese (D, S, W)	Whole Wheat Flour Tortilla (W)	Whole Wheat Biscuit (D, S, W)	Cornbread (D, E, S, W)	
			SNACK				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified	0-5 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)		Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	6-12 Months						
Grain ^{6, 8, 9}		Cheerios Cereal	Whole Wheat Crackers (S, W)	Kix Cereal	Whole Grain Veggie Crackers (D, S, W)	Whole Grain Sweet Potato Crackers (S, W)	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Green Beans(JF)	Diced Peaches	Squash (JF)	Green Peas (JF)	Diced Pears	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰			Dannon Light & Fit Vanilla Yogurt (<mark>D)</mark>		Cucumber Slices		

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CHARLIE WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MEAL COMPONENT	AGE	January 19, 2026	January 20, 2026	January 21, 2026	January 22, 2026	January 23, 2026	
			BREAKFAST				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	0-5 Months			Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal ^{4, 6, 8} or Meat/Meat Alt	0-12 WORLD		Iron Fortified Infant Rice Cereal (S)	Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal (W)	Iron Fortified Infant Rice Cereal (S)	Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal (W)	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months		Diced Peaches	Crushed Pineapples (C)	Mandarin Oranges (C)	Blueberries	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰			Cornflakes Cereal (W)	Kix Cereal	Cream of Wheat w/ Brown Sugar (D, W)	Whole Wheat Pancakes (D, E, S, W)	
			LUNCH				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	0-5 Months			Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal ^{4, 6, 8} or Meat/Meat Alt	0-12 WORLD		Sliced Turkey	Cowboy Beans (C)	Diced Turkey w/ Gravy (D, S, W)	Ground Turkey Sloppy Joe (C)	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	CLOSED	Potato Salad (E,S)	Diced Carrots	Applesauce	Sweet Potatoes	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰			Whole Wheat Pita Bread (W)	Cornbread (D, E, S, W)	Jasmine Rice	Whole Wheat Biscuit (D, S, W)	
			SNACK				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified	0-5 Months			Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	6-12 Months						
Grain ^{6, 8, 9}			Kix Cereal	Cheerios Cereal	Whole Wheat Pita Bread Wedges (W)	Rice Chex Cereal	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months		Carrots (JF)	Diced Peaches	Squash (JF)	Green Peas(JF)	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰			String Cheese	Dannon Light & Fit Vanilla Yogurt (<mark>D)</mark>		String Cheese (D)	

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ALPHA WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MEAL COMPONENT *	AGE	January 26, 2026	January 27, 2026	January 28, 2026	January 29, 2026	January 30, 2026	
			BREAKFAST				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	0-5 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
illiant i official	6-12 Months						
Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal ^{4, 6, 8} or Meat/Meat Alt		Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal <mark>(W)</mark>	Iron Fortified Infant Rice Cereal (S)	Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal (W)	Iron Fortified Infant Rice Cereal (S)	Iron Fortified Infant Oatmeal Cereal (W)	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Bananas (JF)	Diced Pears	Bananas	Peaches (JF)	Blueberries	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰	o 12 Mondis	Life Cereal (W)	Whole Grain French Toast Sticks (D, E, S, W)	Oatmeal w/ Brown Sugar and Cinnamon (D)		Whole Wheat Pancakes (D, E, S, W)	
			LUNCH				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified	0-5 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	6-12 Months						
Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal ^{4, 6, 8} or Meat/Meat Alt		Sliced Ham	Black Beans	Egg Patty (D, E, S)	Teriyaki Diced Chicken (S, W, C)	Ground Turkey Spaghetti Sauce (C)	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Applesauce	Diced Peaches	Potato Medley	Crushed Pineapple (C)	Diced Carrots	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰		Whole Wheat Flour Tortilla <mark>(W)</mark>	Jasmine Rice	Whole Wheat Biscuit (D, S, W)	Fried Jasmine Rice (S, W)	Whole Grain Spaghetti Noodles (W)	
			SNACK				
Breastmilk ¹⁻³ or Iron-Fortified	0-5 Months	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	Breastmilk or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (D, S)	
Infant Formula ^{1, 4}	6-12 Months						
Grain ^{6, 8, 9}		Whole Grain Sweet Potato Crackers (S, W)	Rice Chex Cereal	Cheerios Cereal	Whole Wheat Crackers (S, W)	Kix Cereal	
Vegetable/Fruit ^{6, 7}	6-12 Months	Green Beans (JF)	Carrots (JF)	Diced Peaches	Applesauce (JF)	Sweet Potatoes (JF)	
Additional Component May Be Offered With Parent Permission ¹⁰			Cucumber Slices	Dannon Light & Fit Vanilla Yogurt (D)		String Cheese (D)	

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