

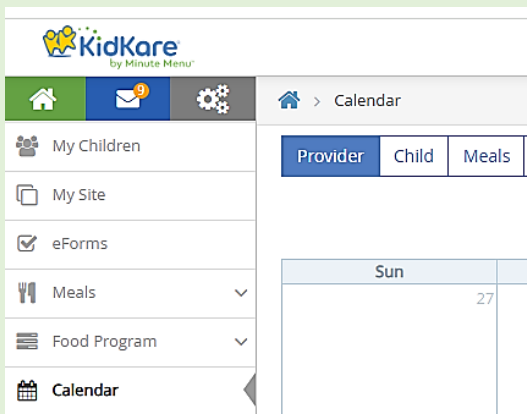


### Open on a Holiday

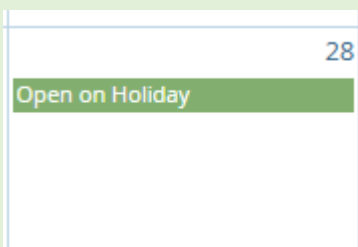
If you provide childcare on a holiday, you must mark "Open on Holiday" in KidKare to be reimbursed for meals and snacks served on that day.

The holidays included in the requirement are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

To indicate you were open on a holiday, go to the KidKare calendar section. Be sure Provider is highlighted.



Drag the "Open on Holiday" tag from the upper right corner of the screen to the correct date on the calendar.



Meals and snack served on this holiday are now eligible for reimbursement.

### Preventing Foodborne Illness

The holidays are a time for good food, family, and friends. Unfortunately, it is also a time for foodborne illness. Here are some tips and resources to help keep your celebrations safe.

- **Wash your hands.**
- **Prevent cross-contamination.**
- **Cook the turkey to 165°F.**
- **Follow the 2 hours Rule.**  
(Place all leftovers in the refrigerator within 2 hours.)
- **Ask questions.**  
(Call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline: 1-888-674-6854.)



For more information go to: [USDA's Recommendations for a Safe Thanksgiving](#) | [Food Safety and Inspection Service](#)

### Baked Hush Puppies

- 2 large eggs
- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 2 cup onion, minced
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/8 tsp. ground black pepper
- 2/3 cup whole grain cornmeal (yellow or white)
- 1/3 cup enriched all-purpose flour
- cooking spray



Preheat oven to 350° F. In a medium bowl, add eggs, milk, and oil. Stir until well combined. Mix in onion, salt, baking powder, and black pepper. Add cornmeal and all-purpose flour and gently mixed until just combined. Do not overmix. Grease mini muffin tins with cooking spray and then scoop 1 tablespoon of batter into each muffin pocket. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Test by putting a fork through a muffin and if nothing sticks, it's ready! If sticky, leave for 1-2 more minutes.

**Yield:** 14 hush puppies (1 per serving)  
**Crediting Information:** Each hush puppy provides a whole grain-rich serving (1/2 oz eq) at breakfast, lunch/supper and snack for children 3-5 years.

Credit: <https://www.cacfp.org/2022/08/30/baked-hush-puppies/>



*Have a safe  
and happy  
Thanksgiving!*