

March 26, 2020

Yesterday, USDA issued three new Nationwide Waivers for Child Nutrition Programs. As always, program operators should look for communication from their State Agencies for guidance.

**Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver**

FNS has provided nationwide approval for states to locally waive specific meal pattern requirements as needed to support access to nutritious meals when certain foods are not available due to the novel coronavirus. ***Guidance for States on the Meal Pattern Waiver***

**Nationwide Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup Waiver**

FNS is allowing states approved for non-congregate feeding to waive the rule preventing parents and guardians from picking up meals for their children, as long as they protect accountability and integrity. ***Guidance for States on the Meal Pickup Waiver***

**Nationwide Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Data Waiver**

FNS is extending CEP election, notification and reporting and deadlines for School Year 2020-21. ***Guidance for States on the CEP Waiver***

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**CACFP During COVID-19 Webinar**

On this live webinar USDA will explain the new waivers allowing CACFP sites to make adjustments to normal operating rules. The waivers offer options to:

- modify the meal pattern when food supplies are disrupted,
- simplify food procurement,
- offer “grab and go” take home meals or delivered meals instead of on-site meal service (non-congregate feeding),
- allow parents to pick up meals, and
- drop the activity requirement for at-risk afterschool programs.

**Tuesday, March 31, 2020**

2:00 pm Eastern | 1:00 pm central | 12:00 pm Mountain | 11:00 am Pacific

[Register to Attend the Webinar](#)

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## Child Nutrition Program State by State COVID-19 Waivers

You can look up which USDA FNS COVID-19 waivers have been issued for your state in child nutrition programs.

[State by State COVID-19 Waivers](#)

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## Nationwide FNS Waivers Issued Previously

### Nationwide Meal Times Waiver

FNS has provided a nationwide waiver to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus. [Guidance for States on the Meal Times Nationwide Waiver](#)

### Nationwide Non-congregate Feeding Waiver

FNS has provided a nationwide waiver of congregate feeding requirements to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus. [Guidance for States on the Non-Congregate Feeding Nationwide Waiver](#)

### Nationwide Afterschool Activity Waiver

FNS has provided a nationwide waiver to support access to nutritious meals and snacks while minimizing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus. [Guidance for States on the Afterschool Activity Nationwide Waiver](#)

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## Caring for Children While Social Distancing

We've put together some information on hand washing from the CDC with ways to have children continue to help with making their own foods, participating in activities, and getting physical exercise all while allowing them to maintain their own space.

This 30-minute webinar is available for members to watch on demand at any time and can be found on the member resources page at [cacfp.org](http://cacfp.org).

Today we are making this webinar available to everyone in the child nutrition community.

Once you've completed the webinar, you will be offered the opportunity to get a Certificate of Completion emailed to you after you complete the post training questions survey. This training counts toward your continuing education credits for the CACFP Certification program.

[Access Webinar on Caring for Children while Social Distancing](#)

## CACFP Economic Support Needed

If providers aren't claiming meals due to shut down, they aren't receiving reimbursement and sponsoring organizations can also be at risk of going out of business.

While almost 15,000 people have sent their congressional representatives the message that we are desperate for economic support, we have over 180,000 organizations and one million people in our community who will be impacted by COVID-19.

Please join us today in asking for help. It takes two minutes to click to send a message to your representative and if you haven't yet, please do it today!

[Click to Send Letter to Congress Asking for Economic Support](#)

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## Concerns Regarding In-Person Monitoring Visits

We know that the entire CACFP community is committed to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

We know that sponsors don't want to endanger their staff with in-home monitoring visits and we know providers don't want anyone coming into their home at this time.

On March 13th, we asked USDA to issue a waiver for home visits. While we have not received a response yet, we know they are working tirelessly to provide waivers to ensure that children and adult have access to food at this time. [See Waiver Request](#)

We also shared [this template](#) with sponsors to send to their state agencies. Several have reported back to us that their states are allowing sponsors to conduct desk reviews during this pandemic.

We remain your advocate. [Tell us here](#) how else we can help you during this national emergency.

We're all in this together. Be safe.

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