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Welcome to a new school year! We hope it will be the best one ever for you and your students. Here are a few updates for your consideration.

H1N1 and Possible School Closings

KSDE is working closely with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) on communication about the H1N1 flu. The guidance from both State agencies will be closely aligned with that from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). See this link for new CDC guidance for schools on pandemics, issued on Friday, August 7:

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/school/index.html>

USDA has recently issued a policy memo on "responding to school closings for H1N1 outbreaks". Schools will have the option to provide nutritious meals to students during an H1N1-related school closure. Schools that choose to implement this option would temporarily:

- Switch to operating the Summer Food Service Program or Seamless Summer Option in place of the school lunch and breakfast programs, and
- Provide meals targeted to low-income children for off-site consumption.

If you have one or more schools that wish to consider this option in the event of an H1N1-related school closure, please contact me as soon as possible so that waivers and related processes can be completed before they are needed.

Certifying Migrant Students for Free Meals at School

A migrant student is automatically eligible for free meals at school if the Migrant Education Program (MEP) director certifies the student's migrant status to the School Nutrition Program's determining official. Related guidance was recently revised and is included in *Food Service Facts*, Chapter 7, page 7-22 (go to www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Guidance, Food Service Facts or [click here](#)). If there are migrant students enrolled in your district, please carefully read this information.

Statewide Average Attendance Factor

The new factor is .9493. All Site Applications in KN-CLAIM were updated with the new factor except for those where a local factor was entered for Program Year 2010.

Updated Form 9-A, Daily Record of Lunches

Two changes have been made to Form 9-A:

1. The average daily attendance factor was updated to .9493. You may revise the factor if the school's average daily attendance is higher than the statewide average.
2. The Excel version of the form now counts the number of days lunches were served in the month.

Go to www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Guidance, Food Service Facts, Chapter 9, Related Forms or [click here](#).

Child Nutrition & Wellness' Email Lists

We maintain the following email lists: School Nutrition Program authorized representatives, food service directors, site managers, food recall contacts, claim contacts and wellness policy contacts. We rebuild these lists each year using the email addresses on the Sponsor Application or Site Application(s) in KN-CLAIM. If you have new personnel this year, they will automatically be included on the appropriate list(s). The lists are rebuilt after all program sponsors have completed the program renewal process.

Child Nutrition & Wellness Website

Please make sure that you are accessing our new website. The site was completely re-designed last May. The old site had a pie diagram on the home page; the new site has photo/graphic icons representing each CNW program. If you are accessing the site by clicking on an old "favorite" in your web browser, you may be going to the old site. Simply click on the following link and save it as a "favorite": www.kn-eat.org

Quick Online Access to Food Service Facts Topics

Food Service Facts, KSDE's administrative handbook for School Nutrition Programs, is available online at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Guidance, Food Service Facts or [click here](#). To quickly access information about a topic, click on the bullet to open the chapter, find the topic in the table of contents and click on the page number.

Current Versions of CNW Forms

Please be certain that you are using the most current version of each CNW form. The latest versions are posted online with the related *Food Service Facts* chapter.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grants

Congratulations to the 63 elementary schools that were recently awarded Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) grants for school year 2009-2010. The grant awards total over \$1 million dollars which will be used to reimburse grantees for food, supplies, labor and administrative costs of operating the program. Grantees will provide fresh fruits and vegetables to students at times other than breakfast or lunch. To see the list of grantees, go to www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What's New, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grantees or [click here](#).

As always, if you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact Jodi Mackey (785-296-2276 or jmackey@ksde.org) or your area KSDE child nutrition consultant.