



## Child Nutrition & Wellness

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Here are a few updates on what's happening now.

### USDA Issues Significant Change in Free Meal Eligibility Policy

In a memo dated August 27, 2009, USDA changed its guidance on situations where at least one, but not all, children in a household are eligible for free meals based on a case number for Food Assistance (formerly Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Families (TAF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Go to [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, Guidance, Update Memos for guidance on implementing these new federal policies.

### School Nutrition Leadership Forum & SNA-KS Annual Conference

KSDE is sponsoring a School Nutrition Leadership Forum for district-level directors, supervisors and managers. It will be held in Wichita on Friday, October 23, 2009 preceding the annual School Nutrition Association of Kansas (SNA-KS) Annual Conference. For more information and the registration form, go to [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, What's New.

You are also invited to complete a short survey at the following link to give us your input on the Forum's content and/or to volunteer to share information with Forum participants.

[Leadership Forum Survey](#)

### Update on H1N1 and Related 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 is closely aligned with that from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As was explained in the August update, USDA 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 complete the waiver request form posted at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, What's New, H1N1 Influenza Information.

### Food Safety Basics

The fall schedule of Food Safety Basics classes is available at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, Training. All school food service personnel in Kansas are required to complete this class at least once every five years.

## Administration

### **Form 9-A, Daily Record of Lunches Served & Form 9-B, Daily Record of Breakfasts**

**Served:** Formulas have been added to total the number of students eligible (bottom section of Form 9-A, top section of Form 9-B). The column widths have been narrowed slightly to accommodate variations in sponsors' printers.

**Form 10-A, Daily Income, Sales & Deposit Report** (formerly the Daily Income Record) had major changes this year. Please note the following additional information and minor changes:

- The most frequent questions we've received about the new form have been answered in a document posted at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, Guidance, Food Service Facts, Chapter 10.
- To improve clarity, the heading on column (L) of the form has been changed from "Cash Sales" to "Non-Reimbursable Cash Sales".
- The column widths have been narrowed slightly to accommodate variations in sponsors' printers.

**Substitutions for Milk Allergies and Intolerances:** Question 5 on page 19-6 of *Food Service Facts* has been revised to reflect recent changes in USDA's guidance on handling substitutions for milk allergies and intolerances. See this revision at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, Guidance, Food Service Facts, Chapter 19.

**Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program:** Guidance and forms for this program are now located at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, Guidance, Food Service Facts, Chapter 32.

## Healthier Kansas Menus

We are delighted that so many districts are implementing all or portions of the Healthier Kansas Menus ([www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, Resources, Healthier Kansas Menus). Based on local feedback, the following corrections have been made to the recipes and production records:

- Pumpkin Bars, Whole Wheat – The correct quantity of batter per pan is 6 pounds.
- Cherry Crisp, Whole Wheat – The cinnamon has been deleted from this recipe.
- Week 1, Monday, Production Records – The 1.5 oz potato wedge's yield has been changed to .25 cup and the 3.0 oz potato wedge's yield has been changed to .5 cup.

We'd appreciate hearing about your successes with these menus as well as any suggestions for improving them.

## Kansas Coordinated School Health Annual Conference

The Kansas Coordinated School Health (KCSH) Annual Conference will be held in Wichita on September 21 and 22. The conference theme is "Kansas Schools – At the Crossroads of a Healthy Community". For more information, visit the KCSH website at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), Kansas Coordinated School Health.

## National School Lunch Week (NSLW)

NSLW will be celebrated the week of October 12-16, 2009. A link to the School Nutrition Association's promotional materials for NSLW is available at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, What's New. NSLW provides a great opportunity to let everyone know about delicious and nutritious school meals!

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