

COVID-19 Update



Child Nutrition Program Meal Service during COVID-19 Outbreaks

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On September 18, 2020, USDA released:

- **COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #58 Nationwide Waiver of Area Eligibility in the Child and Adult Care Food Program At-Risk Afterschool Care Component**

This waiver allows schools and afterschool care centers, regardless of their location, to serve at-risk afterschool meals and snacks to students after the regular school day, through December 31, 2020.

Note: This guidance document will be posted soon on the USDA FNS COVID Response Website:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/coronavirus>

Q. How can this waiver be elected?

A. **Sponsors previously approved to implement the CACFP** must email their Child Nutrition Consultant asking to have the sites in which they would like to serve At-Risk Afterschool Meals (can be a supper and/or an afterschool snack) activated in KN-CLAIM. Once activated, Sponsors will complete the site application(s) for the sites in which At-Risk Afterschool Meals will be served. The Site Application(s) will need to be completed in both PY 2020 and PY 2021 if meals or snacks will be served starting in September. If meal service will start in October, the site application(s) must only be completed in PY 2021. If the Sponsor wishes to serve meals and/or snacks non-congregately, Sponsors must complete the CACFP COVID-19 Non-Congregate Meal Service & Meal Pick-Up Waiver Application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GBSH9VD>. Once the CACFP Site Application(s) have been submitted and are in Pending Approval status, CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals can begin to be served and claimed by the Sponsor.

Sponsors who would like to implement the CACFP but have not participated before must complete the following steps:

- Email Jill Ladd, jladd@ksde.org, Julie Henry, jhenry@ksde.org, and your Child Nutrition Consultant requesting to have CACFP added in KN-CLAIM. Be sure to include your sponsor name and sponsor number with your request. If you know at what sites you will be serving At-Risk Afterschool Meals (can be a supper and/or an afterschool snack) include the site names in the request. Indicate if meal service will begin in September or October. If meal service will begin in September, the CACFP Application must be completed in PY 2020 as well as PY 2021. If meal service will begin in October, CACFP Application will be completed in PY2021.
- Complete CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals training in the KSDE Learning Portal at <https://learning.ksde.org/>, Child Nutrition & Wellness, Child & Adult Care Food Program, CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals
- Complete and submit the following in KN-CLAIM for review and approval:
 - CACFP Sponsor Application
 - Budget (required for non-school sponsors)
 - Site Application(s) in KN-CLAIM
 - CACFP meal service can begin once sites are in approved status.



- In order to serve meals and snacks non-congregately, complete the CACFP COVID-19 Non-Congregate Meal Service & Meal Pick-Up Waiver Application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GBSH9VD>.
- CACFP meal service can begin once the CACFP packet is in pending approval status in KN-CLAIM. Sponsors should begin keeping the required documentation for the CACFP in order to be eligible to claim meals and snacks served for reimbursement. Child Nutrition & Wellness will be in contact to schedule a pre-approval visit within 30 days. Upon a successful pre-approval visit, claims for reimbursement may be submitted for meals served.

Q. When can At-Risk Afterschool Meals (supper and/or an afterschool snack) start to be served?

A. For Sponsors previously approved to implement the CACFP, At-Risk Afterschool Meals can begin being served when the site application(s) is submitted in KN-CLAIM. For Sponsors who have not previously been approved to implement the CACFP, At-Risk Afterschool Meals can begin once the CACFP Packet is in pending approval status in KN-CLAIM.

CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Reminders

- At-Risk snacks/suppers served congregately must be served after the school day has ended.
- An At-Risk snack/supper can be served non-congregately at the same time breakfast and lunch is served non-congregately if a CACFP non-congregate waiver is completed.
- An At-Risk snack/supper can be sent home at the end of the school day if a CACFP non-congregate waiver is completed.

We will discuss Child Nutrition Response #58 during the Tuesday Town Hall on September 22nd at 2. Join at <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/96465847352?pwd=ZlgzS2VzSEIRTDVSR2UwMkJGMFJhZz09>.

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