

COVID-19 Update

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Meal Service during COVID-19 Outbreaks



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Pursuant to section 2202(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (the Act) (P.L. 116-127), and in light of the exceptional circumstances of this public health emergency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is establishing additional Nationwide Waivers to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus.

New flexibility announced by USDA Food and Nutrition Services (FNS):

- **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. Note: This is not a blanket waiver but to be used due to unavailability of product. Sponsors must submit a waiver request to KSDE and obtain approval prior to utilizing this waiver.
- **Non-Congregate Meal Service and Parent/Guardian Pick Up Waiver:** Child Care Centers that have closed and Adult Care Centers can also apply for a waiver to provide non-congregate meals and have parents/guardians pick up meals. 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. Sponsors must submit a waiver request to KSDE and receive approval prior to utilizing this waiver

KSDE will provide information about how to apply for these waivers at 10:30 AM Friday via ZOOM at <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/787328771>. These waivers can be implemented once you have applied and received an approval email from KSDE.

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