COVID-19 Update

Child Nutrition Program Meal Service during COVID-19 Outbreaks
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Sent by listserv to SNP Sponsors and SFSP Sponsors and posted at
www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What's New and
www.kn-eat.org, Summer Food Service Program, What's New

New USDA Guidance

SP 18-2020, SFSP 10-2020: Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch Program
Seamless Summer Option
This memorandum includes questions and answers intended to provide clarification to State
agencies and Program operators on the nationwide waivers for the Summer Food Service Program
and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (COVID-19: Child Nutrition Responses
#14-17). Read this policy memo at: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/sfsp-and-nslp-sso-nationwide-
waivers-qas

SP 19-2020: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program during COVID-19: Questions and Answers #2
This memorandum includes additional questions and answers intended to provide clarification on
the operation of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) during the novel coronavirus (COVID-
19) public health emergency. Access this policy memo at: https://www.fns.usda.gov/ffvp/covid-19-
qas-2. This is intended as a supplement to Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program during COVID-19:

Pandemic-EBT Update
Department for Children and Families (DCF) has asked that a reminder notification be sent to the
households that are receiving benefits via a free and reduced price meal application with the
information on how to register for the P-EBT benefit using the confidential link in this email
language. The family portal will be open on June 5 for families to register.

“Due to your household's eligibility for free or reduced price meals for SY2019-2020, your student(s)
are eligible for a Pandemic EBT benefit to equal the value of the meals the child(ren) would have
received at school if school had not been closed due to COVID-19. To apply for this benefit, go to
_____________________. This confidential link is for your household only and not to be shared with
others. If you have questions, call 1-888-369-4777. Kansas will continue to comply with civil rights
requirements, to include providing equal access to individuals with disabilities and individuals who
are limited English proficient.”

Note: This information must only be distributed by direct correspondence to the qualifying
households and cannot be posted on a public website or sent to all enrolled children.

Contingency Planning Workgroup
Discussion notes from the first Contingency Workgroup held May 27 will be posted in early June at
www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What's New. To access the resource shared yesterday
from CDC go to: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/php/CDC-Activities-
Initiatives-for-COVID-19-Response.pdf. The Feeding America report can be found here:
https://www.feedingamerica.org/about-us/press-room/feeding-america-study-projects-local-food-
insecurity-rates-amid-pandemic-could.

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.
Contingency Planning Workgroups – Register to Participate
Child Nutrition and Wellness staff at KSDE will host Contingency Planning Workgroups each Tuesday in June from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the following topics:

- **June 2 – Financial Sustainability**
  https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAocuGuqzsiG9MrbAMrdWsDwMI7rRp9YzEy
- **June 9 – Service Methods**
  https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYpcuGrqjlqGNlly5GFx3qsnIRsI9bjHKwd
- **June 16 – Staffing**
  https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvdeyupjoqH938dzu2wzGyaFs3ATZLezCS
- **June 23 – Menu Planning**
  https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjElf-6srjstGtU9Ws_5RK3kKQ2_A2psNqV9
- **June 30 – Developing Operating Plans and Procedures**
  https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjErceuszGdDkdd7AF9B_9VluFsIWj3B

Please register using the links above. In order to assign participants to breakout rooms based on Sponsor size, we ask that you register at least 24 hours in advance of each workgroup session. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

New Resources from Team Nutrition
The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is working with State Child Nutrition agencies to provide safe and flexible meal service to children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Under nationwide non-congregate feeding and meal times waivers, State agencies may allow Program operators to provide more than one day’s worth of meals to eligible children via a single meal pick-up (by the child or the child’s parent or guardian) or delivery.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has released a new Team Nutrition resource, “Seamless Summer Option: Providing Multiple Meals at a Time During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic,” in support of these efforts. This new publication provides Program operators with technical assistance on the amounts of foods needed for multiple days of meals, use of “bulk” foods, best practices, and parent communication. It is available through the FNS website at https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/seamless-summer-option-providing-multiple-meals-time-during-coronavirus-pandemic. Additional versions of this publication for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program will be released at a future date.

Additional Team Nutrition COVID-19 publications include:

- Feeding Kids When Schools Are Closed: https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/feeding-kids-when-schools-are-closed

Funding Opportunity to Support Student Summer Meals
The Kansas Health Foundation and Sunflower Foundation are providing a funding opportunity intended to help Kansas school districts and communities provide student meals this summer amidst COVID-19. Applicants are encouraged to envision ways in which discretionary grant dollars can help them expand and enhance summer meal programs, including the ability to provide adult and family meals.
Eligibility:
- Any Kansas public school district currently signed up as a Sponsor for SFSP or SSO for summer 2020 through Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), with at least 25% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch (based on 2019-2020 data).
- Any nonprofit community partner signed up as a Sponsor for SFSP or SSO through KSDE, serving as a Sponsor in place of the school district, with at least 25% of students in that district eligible for free/reduced lunch (based on 2019-2020 data).

NOTE: If a school district and community partner are both approved as Sponsors for the same school district, the school district must serve as the applicant agency for this funding opportunity.

Grantees/sponsors will have discretion as to the best use of funds to optimize the summer meals program to best serve the food insecurity needs of their respective communities.
- Core operating support to maintain continuity of summer meals amidst COVID-19 challenges, including but not limited to, staff/personnel; personal protective equipment; supplies needed for Grab & Go type meals, including the comfort and safety of workers while providing such meals; traffic calming measures for meal pick-ups; and other materials deemed necessary by the applicant to stabilize, strengthen, expand and enhance the program in creative and innovative ways.
- Support to include adult/family meals (not reimbursable by USDA) as part of the program.

Click to Request Application Materials. For program questions, contact FeedingKSKids@greenbush.org or KAW director, Miranda Klugesherz, at mklugesherz@kchealthykids.org.

Stay safe and healthy and let’s all take care of each other!

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