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

We appreciate the 110+ folks who participated in the Town Hall meeting this morning. Your input and questions are important to us. To date, there are 329 Sponsors providing meals at 988 sites across Kansas – WOW! Thank you for the courageous, caring and capable implementation of Summer meals due to the unanticipated school closures!

1. **Nationwide Waiver of 60 Day Reporting Requirements for January and February 2020:** USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has waived the 60 day claims for reimbursement deadlines for operations in the months of January and February 2020 and provides an additional 30 days to submit each claim.

2. **Locate a Site Near You** is now available at www.kn-eat.org, Summer Food Service Program, Locate a Site Near You. Site Applications need to be kept current so that correct site information is available to the public. We also send this information to USDA and Share Our Strength to populate their site finders. Households can also text “Summer Meals” to 97779 to find Summer meal sites. You are encouraged to post the Locate a Site Near You link on your website.

3. **Food Safety Q & As** were discussed. See the entire list of questions and answers at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What’s New and/or at www.kn-eat.org, Summer Food Service Program, What’s New. Plan now to join these Professional Development Zoom webinars next week:
   - **Serving Safe Meals During COVID-19**, on Tuesday, April 7, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. This training will help child nutrition program supervisors provide basic food safety guidance to the many people who are helping with meal services to children during this pandemic. A Question & Answer session at the end of the webinar will cover questions program staff have had in regard to both food safety and personal safety in this unique situation. To attend the live online event, link to https://ksde.zoom.us/j/172244932 on the date/time of the event.
   - **Emergency Preparedness & COVID-19**, on Thursday, April 9, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. This training will help nutrition programs supervisors work with administrators, State agencies, and local agencies to further prepare for contingencies during this public health crisis. To attend the live online event, link to https://ksde.zoom.us/j/889537521 on the date/time of the event.

4. If a Food Service Employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, contact your County Health Department and School Administrators.
5. **Providing Meals for Children in Child Care.** Some sponsors and school districts are offering to provide meals to children in the care of local child care providers. This is a local level decision but is allowable. The School District would claim the meals. Sponsor and providers participating in the CACFP would NOT be able to claim the meals received from the local school district for reimbursement. There are several ways in which a district can approach serving meals to children in child care:

- Distribute meals to child care centers and/or day care home providers via a bus route. Children would need to be seen and the person distributing meals would provide meals for the number of children present. Children could wave from a window or come outside.
- Meals could be delivered to a child care center or day care home. Each child's parent/guardian would need to provide consent to the school in order for this method to be used. The sponsor or school could deliver meals to these facilities via staff or volunteers. A child care worker could come to the site and be the “volunteer” to deliver the meals back to the child care site if the sponsors so chooses. Consent is required by parents in either scenario.
- A child care center could be added as an enrolled site under the Sponsor and staff at the center could be trained to do meal counts. This would be a closed enrolled site.
- A day care home provider could bring children through a drive-through location and each child present would receive the meals being distributed.
- If you have questions about what would be best for your district or organization please contact your Child Nutrition Consultant or call 785-296-2276.

6. **Meal Pattern Waivers** can only be granted for supply issues at this point.

7. **Second Meals** are allowed to be claimed in the Summer Food Service Program at a rate of 2% of total meals for the Sponsor. Second meals can only be offered once all children have had the opportunity for a first meal. Second meals are not allowed in the Seamless Summer Option.

8. Please keep **contact information** on the Sponsor Application in KN-CLAIM current so that we are able to contact you as needed and to make sure you receive the listserv messages.

9. Demonstration on how to **claim meals** for either the Summer Food Service Program or the Seamless Summer Option was provided. If you need help submitting a claim, please contact your area Child Nutrition Consultant.

10. **Required SFSP Training:** All Sponsors are required to have at least one representative participate in KSDE training for Summer 2020 participation in the SFSP. All SFSP Administrative Training will be conducted via webinar for Summer 2020. SFSP Webinar Training Opportunities will be held:

    - April 17th at 9:30 a.m. – [https://ksde.zoom.us/j/675746765](https://ksde.zoom.us/j/675746765)
    - April 23rd at 8:30 a.m. – [https://ksde.zoom.us/j/180926346](https://ksde.zoom.us/j/180926346)
    - April 29th at 2 p.m. – [https://ksde.zoom.us/j/477109298](https://ksde.zoom.us/j/477109298)

If you are unable to participate in one of the webinars, an online training will be made available at a later date to complete this training requirement. To ensure you complete the training as quickly as possible plan to attend one of the webinars. Note: If you are a Seamless Summer Option Sponsor you will receive an email in the next week with an opportunity to receive training so that you could choose to operate through the Summer Food Service Program. Watch your email for details.
11. **Meals-To-You (MTY)** Demonstration Project provides crucial nutrition to children in rural settings who may otherwise be unable to access federal nutrition programs. MTY was initially created as a common-sense response for rural communities where congregate meals are impractical. Due to the success of the model, emergency Meals-to-You (eMTY) is being offered as a response to COVID-19-related school closures. For information go to: [https://mealstoyou.org/emergency-meals-to-you-school-districts/](https://mealstoyou.org/emergency-meals-to-you-school-districts/)

We will provide additional guidance from USDA as it becomes available. All guidance documents from USDA are posted on the New FNS Response to COVID-19 webpage available at: [https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19](https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19).

**Together We Are Stronger**

We are working from home and available to help you! Please contact us by email if there is anything we can do to assist. If you need immediate response, you are welcome to call Cheryl's cell phone at 785-224-8479. Please share pictures and social media posts that capture the impact you are making in the lives of children at #FuelingKSKids.

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