Good afternoon,

1. Plan now to join the KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness team on Friday, April 10 for a Town Hall meeting at 1 PM using this link: https://ksde.zoom.us/j/557342418. We will discuss USDA guidance and answer your questions.

2. The Kansas State Department of Education has been asked to report to the Governor's Office if a School District makes a determination to suspend meals for children. Please call or email Cheryl Johnson at 785-224-8479 or csjohnson@ksde.org.

3. Tomorrow, Thursday, April 9 from 2:00 p.m-3:30 p.m., join us for a webinar on Emergency Preparedness & COVID-19. 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. Claiming Meals During COVID-19 School Closure: Meals served using a non-congregate waiver due to COVID-19 are claimed under either the School Nutrition Program (SNP) Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Below are some tips to help with claiming under each program.

**SNP Seamless Summer Option (SSO)**
- Meals served to students in March before school closure are recorded as normal.
- Meal served during school closure are recorded on SSO line.

- # of students free eligible (line #14) should include ALL students who may get a meal during the unanticipated school closure – regardless of the student's free/reduced status.
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

- Meals served during school closure will be claimed as regular SFSP meals.
- Do NOT enter COVID-19 meals in the “Non-Congregate Meals” section. This section is for non-congregate meals served due to extreme heat.

5. **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/)

6. **COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding.** GENYOUth is providing grants of up to $3,000 per school to supply much-needed resources for meal distribution and delivery efforts to get food to students during COVID-19. From soft-sided coolers, bags, and containers for individual servings, to protective gear for food service sanitation and safety, this equipment will help ensure our children continue to receive the nutritious meals they need. [Click here](https://mealstoyou.org/emergency-meals-to-you-school-districts/) to access the application.

So proud of the amazing work each of you are doing to provide healthy and safe food to children. While serving so many meals, remember to take time to care for yourself and your team.

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