USDA Food and Nutrition Services is extending the following waivers nationwide:

1. **COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #22 – Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs EXTENSION through August 31, 2020**
   Under this waiver, Sponsors may provide non-congregate meals during COVID-19 related operations. This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in Child Nutrition Programs granted on March 20th that was set to expire on June 30, 2020. This waiver allows the meals to be taken offsite for consumption. Sponsors currently electing this waiver will need to update their non-congregate waiver in KN-CLAIM to elect to extend the date past June 30th. If a Sponsor has not elected this waiver to date and would like to elect, contact your area Child Nutrition Consultant who will contact the Assistant Director to open the waiver. The Sponsor will then complete the Waiver Application for Non-congregate meals due to COVID-19 in KN-CLAIM for SSO or SFSP.

2. **COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #23 – Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program EXTENDED through August 31, 2020**
   Under this waiver, Sponsors with an approved waiver of meal service times may establish meal service times that support streamlined access to nutritious meals. This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in Child Nutrition Programs granted on March 20th and was set to expire on June 20, 2020. This waiver allows for sponsors to serve meals that best meet their program needs. This can be through approved pick-up times or delivery plans with designated times for distribution. Sponsors must request to elect this waiver from KSDE by completing the questions on the SFSP or SSO Sponsor and Site Application. Sponsors must keep their Sponsor and Site application updated to reflect current distribution time period(s) and if they are distributing multiple meals at one time.”

3. **COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #24 – Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs EXTENDED through June 30, 2020**
   Program regulations require that sponsors follow a prescribed meal pattern. During the public health emergency, sponsors can apply to the state agency for flexibilities in the meal pattern. Under normal emergency feeding, USDA would have to approve these flexibilities; this waiver allows the state agencies to approve requests from sponsors to waive meal pattern requirements. USDA Food and Nutrition Service (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. To apply for the waiver, go to: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SH2F6FS](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SH2F6FS)

Program regulations require that meals must be served to eligible children. This waiver allows Sponsors to distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their children. SSO/SFSP Sponsors with an approved waiver for non-congregate meals can elect this waiver from KSDE. Sponsors currently electing this waiver will need to update their end date on the non-congregate waiver (Question #4) in KN-CLAIM to elect to extend the date to allow meal pick up past June 30th. Sponsors not currently electing this waiver but who would now like to elect, should complete Question 9 on the non-congregate waiver in KN-CLAIM.

**Clarification on AMS Food Boxes:** USDA Mountain Plains Regional Office has clarified that the food box items must be provided in addition to the reimbursable meal if distributed by Child Nutrition Program Sponsors.

A Town Hall Meeting will be held on Monday, May 18 at 8:30 AM to discuss the waiver extensions. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

https://ksde.zoom.us/j/96826784315?pwd=NGd2QW0xUnJ0OTCWM0MDNQMKcyQT09
Password: 172633

Have a wonderful weekend! Appreciate you all so much!

Cheryl, Jill and Julie

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