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

1. **COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #26 Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs – Extended through July 31, 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 to: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SH2F6FS](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SH2F6FS)

2. **COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #27 Nationwide Waiver of Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – Extended through August 31, 2020.**
   
   FNS is waiving specific CACFP onsite monitoring requirements around frequency, number, and nature of onsite reviews for all sponsoring organizations:
   
   - For the current review year, CACFP sponsors may conduct two reviews of their CACFP facilities. FNS waives the requirement at 7 CFR 226.16(d)(4)(iii) that sponsoring organizations review each CACFP facility three times each year.
   - For the current review year, only one CACFP facility review is required to be unannounced. FNS waives the requirement at 7 CFR 226.16(d)(4)(iii)(A) that at least two of the three reviews must be unannounced.
   - FNS waives the requirement at 7 CFR 226.16(d)(4)(iii)(B) that at least one unannounced review must include observation of a meal service.
   - FNS waives the requirement at 7 CFR 226.16(d)(4)(iii)(D) that not more than six months may elapse between reviews. FNS does not waive the requirement at CFR 226.16(d)(4)(iii)(C) that at least one review must be made during each new facility's first four weeks of Program operations but allows sponsoring organizations to review new CACFP facilities as a desk audit.
   
   To opt in to elect any or all of the monitoring waivers, go to: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KMPZ5SW](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KMPZ5SW)

3. **COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #28 Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – Extended through August 31.**
4. **COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #29 Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Programs – Revised and extended through August 31, 2020.**

   USDA Food and Nutrition Service extended this waiver and also revised to include that the onsite portion of the administrative review must be completed during the school year in which it was begun to allow the onsite review to be completed in the next school year.

5. **COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #30 Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations in the Summer Food Service Program – Extended through August 31.**

   FNS is waiving that monitoring must be completed onsite for all SFSP sponsoring organizations.

6. **COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #31 Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Summer Food Service Program – Extended through August 31.**

   The KSDE COVID-19 Waivers Summary for Child Nutrition Programs has been updated and can be found at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), What’s New in each of the three program areas - SNP, CACFP, and SFSP.

**New USDA Q&A**


**Important Announcements for School Nutrition Program Sponsors**

**Submitting School Nutrition Program/ Seamless Summer Option Claims in June**

Due to the State year-end fiscal close out, all School Nutrition Program claims (including Seamless Summer Option) must be submitted by the end of the day on June 15 to be paid in June. Any claims submitted after June 15 will not be paid until July, and will not receive the State Match portion of the National School Lunch Program reimbursement, as that account will be closed.

**Fiscal Year 2020 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grants**

Kansas has received an allocation of $243,583 to competitively award equipment assistance grants to eligible Sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). This year priority does not have to be given to high-need schools where 50% or more of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Priority will be given to those schools have not received a previous NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant. These funds will allow Sponsors who apply and are awarded equipment assistance grants to purchase equipment to improve nutritional quality of school meals, safety of food served, overall energy efficiency, supports expanded participation in the NSLP, ability to use locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, strategies for adopting lunchroom changes that provide more convenience and appeal to the student population such as Grab and Go or Kiosks and/or to support the establishment, maintenance or expansion of the School Breakfast Program through innovative service models. The Kansas grant application is available at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, What’s New. Applications are due August 14, 2020.
Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Notification—Important!
Sponsors can go to www.kn-eat.org, KN-CLAIM, SNP, Program Year 2020, Forms, Community Eligibility Provision Notification to see if eligible to participate in CEP for SY 2020-21. KSDE CNW entered proxy data this year to ease the administrative burden for Kansas Sponsors. If you are interested in applying for CEP and would like to update the proxy data with current data, you must do so by June 29th. KSDE is required to send USDA the report of Sponsors and Sites eligible by June 30th.

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 16 – Staffing
  https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvdeyupjoqH938dlu2wGyaFs3ATZLezCS
- 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/tJErceuspzojGdKdd7AF9B_9VlufSlWj3B

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.

Contingency Planning Meeting Workgroup notes from the first two sessions are posted at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What's New.

As you begin planning for re-opening, we are here to support you! Thank you for continuing to be a part of the discussion in the Contingency Planning Workgroups. No matter what the future holds, we will do our best to be ready for what’s next...together!

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