COVID-19 Update
Child Nutrition Program Meal Service during COVID-19 Outbreaks
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As soon as KSDE receives implementing guidance from USDA regarding the bill that was passed by Congress, it will be conveyed in an update. Until that time, there is no change in guidance that has been provided to date. USDA stated in a letter sent to State Agencies this afternoon that they understand the urgency of your need for information and answers. They are working as rapidly as possible and it is their highest priority.

Food Safety Inserts to assist in keeping hot and cold foods safe for consumption are now available at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What’s New.

Answer to a frequently asked question from today:
Q. Can School Districts provide meals to children at a Day Care Home via a bus route?
A. If the School District is using a delivering meals via a bus route, it would be allowable for Day Care Home Providers (even those participating in the Child & Adult Care Food Program) to receive meals for children in their care if they choose to do so. Children would need to be seen by the person delivering the meals. CACFP Day Care Home Providers would NOT be able to claim those meals for reimbursement. The School District would claim the meals.

Q. Can School Districts provide meals to children under the care of a Day Care Home at a meal pick up location?
A. Yes, children would need to be seen when picking up meals. CACFP Day Care Home Providers would NOT be able to claim those meals for reimbursement. The School District would claim the meals.

Q. What is the maximum number of days for the meals that can be provided to a child at one time?
A. Up to a school weeks' worth of meals. Currently a school weeks' worth of meals would be 5 days.

Most of the KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness team will be working remotely for two weeks beginning next Monday, March 23. Contacting staff by email will help us most efficiently respond to you.

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