

# Monthly Update

## Child & Adult Care Food Program



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### **CACFP Claims and State Year End**

April and May claims submitted by end of the day on June 15 will be paid and money deposited by June 19. If April or May claims are not submitted by the end of the day on June 15, payment will not be made until July due to the state fiscal year end closeout. Remember, the April claim deadline is June 29. Home Sponsors must submit May claims for Day Care Homes by 3 PM on June 15.

### **Programs Permanently Closing**

Programs that have closed and are not planning to reopen should email Jill Ladd at [jladd@ksde.org](mailto:jladd@ksde.org).

### **USDA Guidance**

#### **COVID-19 Waivers Summary for Child Nutrition Programs**

A summary of all COVID-19 waivers issued by USDA is now available at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), CACFP, What's New.

### **At-Risk Sponsors Can Participate until 6/30**

CACFP At-Risk Sponsors can serve meals through June 30, 2020 under the current USDA flexibilities.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> that was set to expire on June 30, 2020. This waiver allows the meals to be taken offsite for consumption. Sponsors should email their Child Nutrition Consultant to update their current non-congregate waiver information in order to extend the date past June 30<sup>th</sup>. If a Sponsor has not elected this waiver to date and would like to elect, Sponsors will complete the waiver application via SurveyMonkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GBSH9VD>.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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 complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SH2F6FS>.

### **4. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #25 – Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children EXTENDED through AUGUST 31, 2020**

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. CACFP 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 to elect to extend the date to allow parent meal pick up past June 30<sup>th</sup> by emailing their Child Nutrition Consultant. CACFP Sponsors that have yet to elect this waiver can apply by completing the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GBSH9VD>.

#### **CACFP Certification Webinar**

Make plans to participate a CACFP Certification Webinar scheduled for Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m. via zoom. A link to join the webinar will be shared in the June and July CACFP Monthly updates.

#### **Professional Development Opportunities Summer 2020**

Many opportunities for learning are available this summer. Go to [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), CACFP, Training to access the class list with dates, times and ZOOM links. Professional Development Classes offered in June will including Kitchen Math Made Easy and Food Buying Guide. Mark your calendars!

#### **Online Professional Development Classes and Tutorials**

CNW staff continue to develop new interactive online training classes and tutorials that can be accessed free of charge 24/7 via the KSDE Training Portal. The online professional development classes offer a printable certificate upon successful completion. Tutorials are 5 minutes or less with no quiz and no certificate. Create an account now at <https://learning.ksde.org>. For detailed instructions on creating an account and accessing the training, go to [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), Child and Adult Care Food Programs, Training, Online Classes.

#### **Food Safety Training**

Food Safety Basics will be taught via live webinar on May 19 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Click on this link to join the training: [Zoom Webinar](#), Food Safety Basics will be taught several times this summer via live webinar and is also available as an online class in the KSDE Learning portal at: <https://learning.ksde.org>.



**Jump Start for Centers** is required for all new Authorized Representatives of centers and recommended for new support staff who provide assistance to the Authorized Representative. KSDE is working to schedule virtual Jump Start classes for later this summer. Watch future monthly updates for more details.

### **Administrative Workshop**

PY 2020-21 Administrative Workshop will be offered via webinars and through an online module. You will be able to choose the option that best meets your needs. Per your requests, targeted webinars will be available for Sponsors of Multiple Child Nutrition Programs (receive the updates for SNP and CACFP in one webinar - no need to attend two as in the past) and At-Risk Sponsors. Topics will include new policy guidance for PY 2020-21 and Annual Civil Rights Training. Dates, times and ZOOM links are available at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), CACFP, Training. Remember, the authorized representative or designee is required to complete this administrative training annually. Note: In-depth Determining Eligibility training will be offered at a separate time. A date, time and ZOOM link will be posted at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), CACFP, Training and will also be included in an upcoming update.

### **CORE Training**

Three CORE trainings are now available online for sponsors' viewing pleasure! Subjects are *Monitoring and Oversight*, *Financial Viability*, and *Serious Deficiency*. Trainings can be accessed at <http://www.core-cacfp.com/online-training/>

### **Training Grant Awards Available from Child Start's Early Childhood Connections Program**

In order to help support the child care workforce during COVID 19, Child Start's Early Childhood Connections program is awarding over 180 scholarships so child care professionals can obtain the critical training they need during these unprecedented times. Applicants must work, or be preparing to work in a licensed Child Care Home, Center, or Preschool and work within Kansas. Awarded recipients receive a coupon code for \$80 that can be used toward Child Start's Early Childhood Connections Live Online or Live trainings. For more information visit:

[https://childstart.org/trainingscholarships/?utm\\_source=Child+Start+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=23ecc0b2a9-COVID\\_Grant\\_Email\\_5.13.20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_26fc359baa-23ecc0b2a9-595459477&mc\\_cid=23ecc0b2a9&mc\\_eid=6fb94a13af](https://childstart.org/trainingscholarships/?utm_source=Child+Start+Newsletter&utm_campaign=23ecc0b2a9-COVID_Grant_Email_5.13.20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_26fc359baa-23ecc0b2a9-595459477&mc_cid=23ecc0b2a9&mc_eid=6fb94a13af)

### **Child Nutrition & Wellness KANSANS CAN 2020-21 Best Practice Awards**

We encourage you and your staff to make nominations for outstanding and/or innovative practices for recognition of your heroic efforts this past program year. A simple one-page nomination entry form is available at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, What's New. **Nominations are due to the Child Nutrition & Wellness office on or before June 30, 2020.** Awardees will be notified by July 31 and presentations will be made at the August State Board of Education meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact any Child Nutrition & Wellness team member if we can be of assistance with the application process. We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating the Kansans CAN Best Practice Awards with you at the August 2020 State Board of Education Meeting.

### **May Thoughts**

Everyday there are extraordinary things happening in Child Nutrition Programs all around Kansas. We honor and express our appreciation to everyone who is working to ensure Kansas children have access to safe and healthy meals.



As always, if you have questions or need assistance, please contact your local Child Nutrition Consultant or the Topeka Office!

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