

Monthly Update



School Nutrition Programs

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Program Renewal Webinar

Plan now to attend the SY2020-21 Program Renewal Webinar on May 18 at 2:00 pm. Information will be provided about changes to the sponsor and site applications, updated forms, new guidance and contingency planning for SY 2020-21. Join the webinar at: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/811203631>.

Community Eligibility Provision – August 31 Deadline to Apply

All sponsors with at least one site eligible to elect participation in the Community Eligibility Provision will be notified and provided detailed information. For USDA guidance and Q & A's that address common questions, go to www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Administration, Community Eligibility Provision. Contact Julie Henry at jhenry@ksde.org if you are interested in applying or have questions.

Community Eligibility Notification Requirement

Due to the COVID-19 national emergency, KSDE is using proxy data from each Sponsor's information in KN-CLAIM to meet the CEP Notification requirement. Each Sponsor will be provided the data to review in early June so that Sponsors that are interested in applying for the Community Eligibility Provision next school year can update the proxy data to the most current numbers of directly certified students per site. Any updates must be provided to KSDE via the CEP Application in KN-CLAIM by June 30.

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

The application to apply to participate in the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP) for school year 2020-21 is available at www.kn-eat.org, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program. The FFVP provides all children in participating elementary schools with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school year. It is an effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options. Participation in the FFVP is limited to elementary schools, with priority given to schools with the highest percentage of students eligible for reduced price or free school meals.

To apply for the FFVP, complete the application and return it to KSDE no later than May 22, 2020. Schools selected to participate will be notified in July 2020. Participating schools will be reimbursed for their documented expenses on a monthly basis. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Brinkman at 785-368-8039 or ebrinkman@ksde.org.

Request to Use Electronic Transactions in the Child Nutrition Program

Any Sponsor wishing to use an online free and reduced application to determine benefit eligibility must complete and submit to KSDE the Request to Use Electronic Transactions in the Child Nutrition Program (available at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Food Service Facts, Chapter 7 Related Forms) annually. The webinar detailing requirements for online applications and the updated KSDE review process was recorded and can be accessed at <https://learning.ksde.org>. If you have questions, contact Julie Henry at jhenry@ksde.org.



Food Safety Inspections

All Sponsors are required to have two food safety inspections each year. If you have not received two (2) inspections by May 1, 2020, you must send a letter to the Kansas State Department of Agriculture (KDA) requesting the needed inspection(s). The date the letter is sent must be recorded on the Site Application during Program Renewal. The annual license fee now covers the costs of the two required inspections. A sample letter is available at www.kn-eat.org, Food Safety. Remember that the most recent KDA inspection must be printed and posted in a location visible to the public.

Summer Food Service Program Outreach

All Sponsors are **required** to conduct outreach for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). If the Sponsor does not have the SFSP in their school, consider sending the site locator tool link that will be available online home with students or post the link on the school website. The link can be found at www.kn-eat.org, Summer Food Service Program, Locate a Site Near You.

Professional Development Opportunities Summer 2020

Many opportunities for learning are available this summer. Go to www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Training to access the class list with dates, times and ZOOM links. Professional Development Classes offered in June will include Kitchen Math Made Easy, Food Buying Guide, and Implementing HACCP in Kansas. The Child Nutrition Management Class being taught on June 4 from 8:00 am-4:30 pm is Kansas Food Safety in Schools. Mark your calendars!

Administrative Update SY2020-21

SY 2020-21 Administrative Update 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 RCCIs. Topics will include new policy guidance for SY 2020-21, Annual Civil Rights Training and COVID-19 Contingency Planning. Dates, times and ZOOM links can be found at www.kn-eat.org, Training. Remember, the authorized representative or designee is required to complete this administrative training annually.

Note: In-depth Determining Eligibility (designed for the Determining Official) and Verification training (designed for the Verification Official) will be offered at separate times. Dates, times and ZOOM links will be posted at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Training and will also be included in an upcoming update.

Nutrition Standards for School Meals and Calculating Components

Nutrition Standards for School Meals will be offered in June and August this summer via live webinar. Watch for dates, times and ZOOM links in a future update. Calculating Components will be offered in modules on each Wednesday during July from 1:30-3:30 pm. Zoom links will be published in a future Update.

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>. Remember to update your Food Safety Training Record in KN-CLAIM after your employees take an approved food safety class.



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 professional development classes offer a certificate upon successful completion which can be printed. Tutorials are 5 minutes or less with no quiz and no certificate. Create an account now at <https://learning.ksde.org> and see the entire list of classes and tutorials available. For detailed instructions on creating an account and accessing the training, go to www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Training.

New Team Nutrition Resources

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service has released two new Team Nutrition resources that address meal service flexibilities during the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency. Both resources are available for download from the Team Nutrition website.

- Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During COVID-19: Best Practices for Parent Pick Up <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/child-nutrition-program-meal-service-during-covid-19>
- Feeding Kids When Schools Are Closed Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) <https://www.fns.usda.gov/resource/feeding-kids-when-schools-are-closed>

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, 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 meals.

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