

Commissioner's Memo
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National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program USDA Waivers for SY 2020-2021

Memo Information

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Unit Child Nutrition

Regulatory Authority USDA COVID-19 CN Response 33-37

Response Required YES

Attention Superintendents; Principals; Child Nutrition Directors/Managers

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Memo Text

ATTENTION: CO-OP DIRECTORS, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS, CHILD NUTRITION DIRECTORS, CHILD NUTRITION MANAGERS

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is allowing the following waivers to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure in a school setting. These waivers are allowed for implementation during the traditional school calendar approved in the Child Nutrition Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs – EXTENSION #2
- Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION #2
- Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children – EXTENSION #2
- Nationwide waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs – EXTENSION #4
- Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools in the National School Lunch Program for SY 2020-2021.

The waivers are in effect from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Please fill out the attached Schedule D and return to ADE.CNU-A-PS@arkansas.gov by July 24, 2020.

Opting in does not require the district to implement the waivers, but rather allows the district to implement waivers if needed anytime between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 at any school serving site approved in the Child Nutrition Agreement.

Please email your Area Specialist or contact CNU at 501-324-9502 with questions.

Attachments:

SY20-21 Schedule D

COVID-19, CN Response #33 SY20-21 Non-Congregate

COVID-19, CN Response #34 SY20-21 Meal Times

COVID-19, CN Response #35 SY20-21 Parent Pickup

COVID-19, CN Response #36 SY20-21 Meal Pattern

COVID-19, CN Response #37 SY20-21 Offer vs. Serve

Attachments

- [20-21_SY_Schedule_D_120851.pdf](#)
- [COVID-19_SY20-21_CN_Response_33_Non-Congregiate_120902.pdf](#)
- [COVID-19_SY20-21_CN_Response_34_Meal_Times_120912.pdf](#)
- [COVID-19_SY20-21_CN_Response_35_Parent_Pickup_120919.pdf](#)
- [COVID-19_SY20-21_CN_Response_36_Meal_Pattern_120928.pdf](#)
- [COVID-19_SY20-21_CN_Response_37_Offer_VS_Serve_120939.pdf](#)