

OSDE Child Nutrition Program

National School Lunch Program
Covid-19 UPDATE

Zoom Meeting

July 19, 2021 @ 1:30 p.m.



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Questions in the Chat????

- In order to not have so many repeated questions in the chat, if you will let us go through our slides first, then when we are finished, you can start entering your questions.
- We understand your questions are very important and you want to ask them when you are thinking about them. A suggestion would be to write them down, if you do not hear the answer while we are discussing the PP then enter your question in the chat.

CLAIM, APPLICATION, REVIEW, SYSTEM (CARS)

- The FY 22 Renewal Application is now available in CARS
- If you are operating SSO in July, fill out the Application as soon as possible, claim cannot be filed until FY 22 application is complete and approved
- A virtual walk through on how to complete the renewal application will be on July 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Zoom link in CARS “other documents”

CAR'S Continued

- If you plan to operate SSO –
 - Will have to complete the NSLP Application including SSO Part
- On-site reviews are still required for multi-sited SFA's by February 1
- SSO Monitoring Forms must be completed also-for all sites (claiming sites)

EMERGENCY PURCHASING/PROCUREMENT

- 2 CFR 200.320 (c)(3) Noncompetitive procurement
 - The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from publicizing a competitive solicitation
 - This regulation allows for schools to negotiate a 1 year contract with vendor during the pandemic if there is a need for this flexibility.

Emergency Funding SP-09-2021

- Waiting for approval of Plan
- Once approval received, we will send letters letting schools know their amounts and if an additional assurance will be needed. If no funds are payable, you will not receive a letter
- No time-line on when we will start issuing funds, we don't have the money to pay yet
- After funds are received, SFA will need to complete a very short survey on how they spent/will spend the funds

Reminder

- SFSP will discontinue once your school year begins in the fall of 2021.

Updated Q & A's Receive July 14, 2021

- SP 16-2021, CACFP 14-2021
- While the waivers listed in memo are available through June 30, 2022, USDA and the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Child Nutrition expects that the waivers will be used only for the duration and extent needed, as schools work to safely and successfully reopen.

The New Memo has 52 Questions/Answers

- **GENERAL**

- #1 The maximum number of Program meals and snack that can be claimed for Federal reimbursement each day during the school year 2021-2022
 - SBP- up to one breakfast per child per day
 - NSLP-up to one lunch per child per day
 - NSLP ASSP- up to one snack per day per child
 - NSLP SSO-up to two meals, or one meal & one snack per day per child, in any combination except lunch and supper

Q & A's continued

- CACFP (regular centers/daycares)-up to two meals and one snack, or two snacks and one meal, per child or adult participant per day
- CACFP At Risk Afterschool Meal Component-up to one meal and one snack per child per day
- CACFP Emergency Shelters- up to three meals, per resident 18 years and younger per day?

Q & A's continued

- #2 Can Child Nutrition Program operators that have received a loan through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), made available through the Small Business Administration and qualified lending partners, use CNP Program funds received from the State (CNP Federal Funds) to pay back a PPP loan?
- **SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM**
- #3 Can SFA's operate closed enrolled sites and limit enrollment to their own students?

Q & A's continued

- #4 May schools operating SSO during the school year sell a la carte food items and beverages?
- #5 Can Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIS) operate SSO under the Nationwide Waiver to Allow the Seamless Summer Option through School Year 2021-2022?
- #6 OvS is designed for congregate meal situations. How should OvS be adapted for non-congregate SSO settings?

Q & A's continued

- #7 May a State approve an SFA to operate SSO at some school sites and operate NSLP/SBP at other sites?
- #8 If schools schedule a shortened school week, e.g., have classes on Monday-Thursday and have Friday off to clean the building, may they provide meals for the students to take home for Friday through NSLP/SBP?
- #9 May students pick up meals at any school within an SFA, or are they required to pick up at the school they attend?

Q & A's continued

- #10 Are schools required to provide potable water to students eating lunch at school when lunch is served in the classroom?
- #11 Are schools required to provide potable water to students eating breakfast at school when breakfast is served in the classroom?
- #12 Are schools required to provide potable water to students who are learning virtually due to COVID-19 and who are not eating lunch at school?

Q & A's continued

- #13 Can schools operating under the nationwide waiver to allow Non-Congregate Meal Service in SY 2021-2022 through SSO deliver meals directly to students' homes?
- #14 What are the requirements for initiating home meal delivery for a household?
- #15 Do home-delivered meals need to be shelf-stable?
- #16 Does the child need to be present for home delivery?

Q & A's continued

- #17 If a household has children in multiple schools, can the schools coordinate to provide one home delivery for all children in the household?
- #18 What funding is available for meal delivery?
- #19 What is the process for State agency reporting of the required information for each waiver that is due to the Secretary not later than 1 year after the date the State received the waiver?

Q & A's continued

- #20 Can the NSLP Afterschool Snack service simultaneously with SSO?
- #21 May schools that were planning to conduct a Provision 2 base year during SY 2021-2022 and then elected to operate SSO calculate their NSLP/SBP claiming percentages and still use SY 21-22 as their Provision 2 base year?
- #22 If an LEA is not currently providing meals through the NSLP is still required to continue direct certification activities?

Q & A's continued

- #23 To the extent that the waivers granted by USDA affect programs in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) administered by the U.S. Department of Education (ED), such as the Title I, Part A (Title I) program, are USDA and ED working together to provide information to stakeholders?

Q & A's Continued

- CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP)
- #24 Can the At-Risk Afterschool meals component of CACFP operate simultaneously with SSO?
- #25 What does the meal times waiver allow specific to suspension of CACFP meal service times during the public health emergency?

Q & A's continued

- #26 Which components under CACFP does the non-congregate waiver apply to?
- #27 Can CACFP sites that are open implement the non-congregate and meal time nationwide waivers?
- #28 Can a child care center that operates CACFP and is closed due to COVID-19 provide non-congregate meals to enrolled children?

Q & A's continued

- #29 Are child care centers required to serve non-congregate meals to enrolled children who are not physically in care on some, or all, days of the week the center is operating? For example, some children may be receiving virtual instruction due to an increased risk of severe illness and/or special healthcare needs, while others are being cared for onsite.
- #30 Under the non-congregate waiver, can CACFP operators deliver meals directly to children or adult participants' homes?

Q & A's continued

- #31 What are the requirements for initiating CACFP home meal delivery for a household?
- #32 Do CACFP home-delivered meals need to be shelf stable?
- #33 Does the child or adult participant need to be present for CACFP home meal delivery?
- #34 Can CACFP State Agencies and SO add new centers and facilities during the COVID-19 emergency?

Q & A's continued

- #35 Are SA and SO required to conduct pre-approval reviews for new CACFP centers and day care homes during pandemic?
- #36 During COVID-19 how may we offer the enrichment activity if we are operating in a non-congregate setting for social distancing and safety?
- #37 May CACFP At-Risk sites/sponsors that did not serve weekend meals prior to COVID-19 expand to provide weekend meals with a non-congregate enrichment activity?

Q & A's continued

- #38 For CACFP At-Risk Afterschool programs that are providing on-site care to children attending school virtually due to COVID-19, what meals may be served?
- #39 May CACFP At-Risk Afterschool programs that are not caring for children on-site provide meals through alternate meal serve option?
- #40 May a child care center or day care home claim reimbursement for CACFP meals that children take home to consume on weekend days when they are not in care?

Q & A's continued

- #41 How can CACFP At-Risk centers track attendance to claim reimbursement for meals and snack served to children participating virtually?
- #42 For afterschool programs, if the education or enrichment activity is electronic and a child does not have access to the required electronic device, is the activity still considered available to all?

Q & A's continued

- #43 May CACFP At-Risk centers providing extended care during the day (both school hours and afterschool hours) claim reimbursement for a breakfast and/or lunch served in addition to the one meal and one snack allowed for At-Risk?
- #44 As child care centers continue to open, they may have limited schedules and hours of operation. Can centers provide a combination of congregate and non-congregate meals?

Q & A's continued

- **MULTI-PROGRAMS**

- #45 Can an SFA that participates in both SSO and CACFP At-Risk provide meals and snacks through SSO and CACFP At-Risk to each participant? Do the Programs have to be operated at the same site or different sites? Can participants pick up multiple meals at once?
- #46 May school-age children who are attending school virtually and who also are enrolled and attending child care during the day receive meals through both CACFP and school meal programs?

Q & A's Continued

- **CIVIL RIGHTS**
- #47 Is the Nondiscrimination Statement required on informational materials and websites?
- #48 Will meal pattern waivers affect a program operator's responsibility to make meal modifications for participants with disabilities?
- #49 Do you need to have "And Justice for All" (AJFA) poster on mobile routes for COVID-19 meal distribution?

Q & A's continued

- #50 For SY 2021-2022, some schools are considering providing meals in the classroom rather than the cafeteria. In those situations, do the schools need to display an “And Justice for All” poster in every classroom?
- #51 Are States required to provide free language assistance?
- #52 Is providing auxiliary aids and services required?

Re-Cap of AR's for SY 2021-2022

- The State Agency will conduct Administrative Reviews (AR)
 - If SFA was scheduled to have an AR in 2020-2021 school year the area consultant will conduct the AR on the program (SSO or NSLP) operating in the 2021-2022 SY.
 - Procurement Reviews- Will be conducted on the same schedule as the AR, except SFA's with FSMC. Those SFA's with FSMC are on a three year cycle not a five year cycle.

Summer Trainings

- ABVM and CAFÉ Managers Trainings in started July 13, the link can be found in “Other Documents” of the CARS System
- Other trainings in July/Aug such as Smart Snacks, Professional Development, ASSP, FFVP; Food Buying Guide; Production Records; Procurement, AT Risk Trainings
- **On July 23rd a Training to “Walk-Through the CARS Application” Process (zoom) We will detail how to complete the Seamless Summer Option on the application.**

Summer Calls with Schools

- August 23, 2021 – would you all prefer us to do it sooner?
Please answer in the chat.

Link for Call on July 19, 2021

- <https://youtu.be/9wlrWHXUrJQ>

Link to recording of calls May 24 & June 21, 2021

- <https://youtu.be/WHD-IFReF6U>
- <https://youtu.be/EopWxQEfBRI>

QUESTIONS????

Add your questions in the chat at this time.