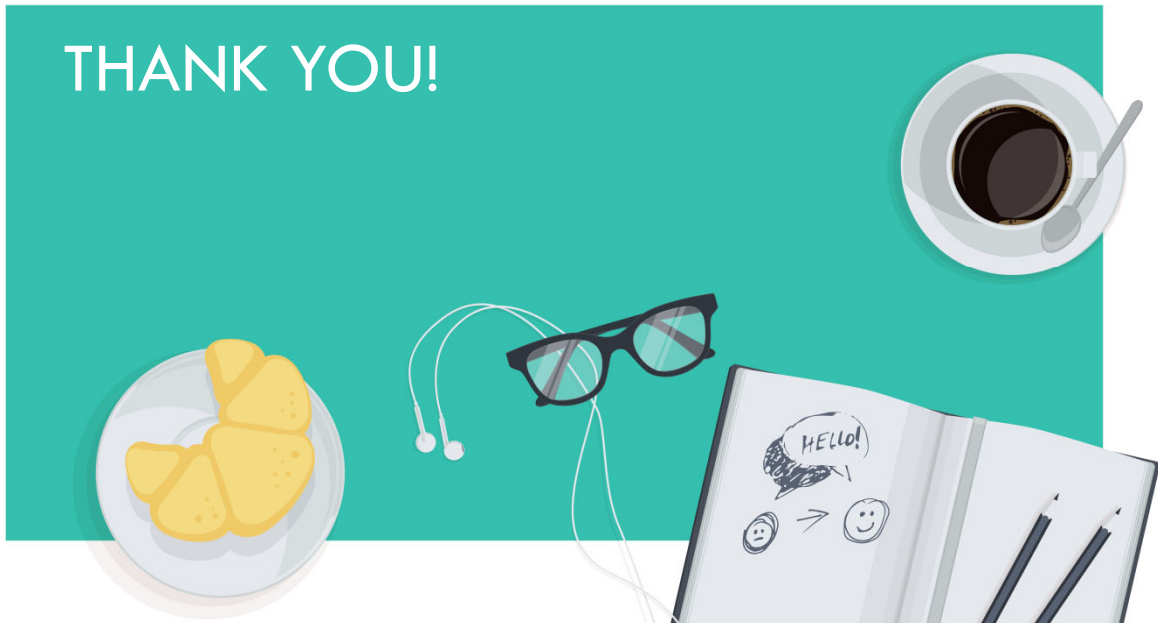


# USDA COVID-19 Waivers

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THANK YOU!



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## Agenda

- Overview nationwide waivers
  - Implementation Survey
- Area Eligibility Waiver
  - Application
- Emergency Meals to You
- Question & Answer Session

## Nationwide Waivers

All policy memos outlining waivers are available on the NDE Nutrition Services webpage under “USDA Memos”

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## Meal Times & Non-congregate Feeding

- Waiver #1: Meal service time flexibility
  - Flexibility for time & duration of meal service
- SP 08-2020/SFSP 04-2020: Non-congregate feeding
  - Allows grab & go, delivery and drive-thru
- Meal distribution for more than one day at a time

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## Meal Pick-Up

- Waiver #5: Parent/guardian/adult pick-up without child present
  - Parents/guardians can take meals home to children
  - Steps to ensure meals are provided to adults of enrolled children
    - Require advance sign up to receive meals
    - Use a roster to mark names
    - Hang-tag for car

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## Meal Pattern Flexibilities

- Waiver #4 Flexibility to serve meals that do not meet meal pattern requirements when needed
  - Food chain interruptions
  - Spoilage
  - Whole grain rich (NSLP)
  - Vegetable sub-groups (NSLP)
- Effort should be made to provide substitute
  - Purchase locally
  - Reach out to other distributors
  - Buy bulk and repackage (produce)
  - Serve two of the same component (fruits or vegetables in SFSP)

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## Monitoring Flexibilities

- Waiver #10: waives some on-site monitoring for SFSP sites
  - Omits onsite portion of site visits; instead, complete desk review of records
  - May delay four week window for completing reviews
    - If not continuing SFSP, must complete site visit in first four weeks
    - If SFSP continues, site visit may be conducted May - June
  - Access the site visit form [here](#)

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## COVID-19 Waiver Participation

- NDE required to track use of waivers
- Survey sent April 10, 2020
- Due April 24, 2020
- Survey link:

<https://forms.gle/s1fk1wRPUuNoAhxdA>

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## Fresh Fruit Vegetable Program

- SP 12-2020 allows operational flexibilities, allows for service of FFVP
  - All current FFVP sites at times operators determine appropriate
    - Open SFSP FFVP to all children
  - FFVP serving size must reflect what would typically be provided
  - Children must be present
  - FFVP funds can used through June 30, 2020 or by the expiration of Public Health Emergency, whichever is first

# Area Eligibility Waiver

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## SFSP Background

- Open sites:
  - Eligibility requirements:
    - 50% students eligible for free/reduced meals
    - Census block area
  - Serve meals to all children 1- 18 years of age
- SFSP Closed Enrolled Program
  - Eligibility requirements:
    - 50% of program participants eligible for free/reduced meals
    - Meals served to participants enrolled in their program

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## Area Eligibility Waiver

- Waiver available to School Food Authorities currently providing meals through:
  - National School Lunch Program
  - Summer Food Service Program (closed enrolled program)
- Application required
  - Complete [application survey](#)
  - Provide local information regarding economic impact
- Approval to operate as open site
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> through remainder of school year

## Emergency Meals to You



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## Emergency Meals To You

- Eligibility:
  - Have at least 50% of enrollment eligible for free or reduced-priced meals,
  - Be closed for at least four weeks, and
  - Fall under the designation of rural
- Districts not “rural” can qualify if:
  - Transportation barriers
  - Contracting with a mass caterer is not viable
- Connect to vendors with capacity to purchase, package, and deliver a box of meals containing 10 or more meals
  - [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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## Emergency Meals to You

- Process
  - School Food Authority completes application on MTY website
  - Submits application to NDE
  - NDE approves application, submits to MTY
- Enrollment period
- Meal delivery to free & reduced students





# Question & Answer Session