

Serve meals during summer, support your community during a crisis

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Agenda



1. **Well done, school food providers!**
2. **Child food insecurity in Nebraska**
3. **Need for Summer Meals, now more than ever**
4. **Serving meals this summer**
 - a. Nationwide waivers
 - b. Nebraska waivers
5. **Resources**
6. **Q & A**

Goals for this webinar

1. See more districts serving meals in May, June, July and August through the Summer Food Service Program.
2. Give you the tools and information you need to do it.



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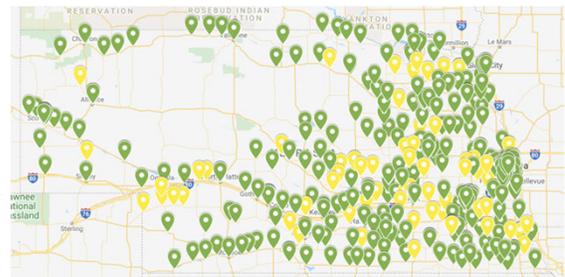
Coalition dedicated to helping every family who needs it get the food they need at school

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Well Done!

244 public school districts in Nebraska



COVID-19 closure: As of 4/27/2020, 214 public school districts serving grab and go or delivery meals to students at 482 locations across the state.

Last summer: 75 public school sponsors served SFSP meals at 247 locations in the Nebraska

Historic Need

1 in 6 or 17% of children are food insecure in Nebraska



A recent study showed that families spend over \$300 more per month per child on food over the summer.

Last summer, we served 1 in 14 kids during summer who ate lunch during the school year. National average is 1 in 7.

Increased Need

Nebraska has lost 96,000 jobs in the last 6 weeks according to unemployment claims.

Total estimated low-income jobs lost

Overall

US 16,598,538

Custer County, Nebraska 359



Food Insecurity Supports

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program program increases are helping but they aren't meeting the need.



Food Banks / Pantries are stretched thin. Food supply chain is strained.



This program can be a boon to local food supplies, offer some jobs in uncertain times, you already have a base of participants.

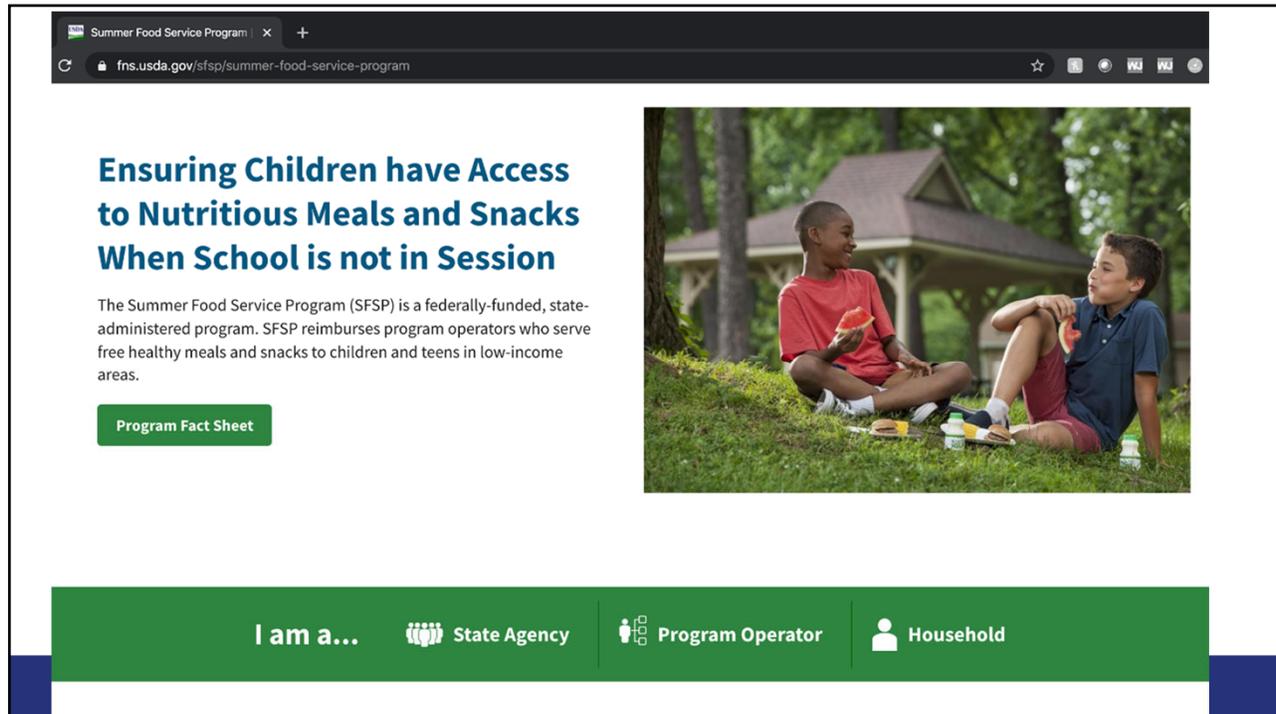


What we're hearing from Nutrition Directors

Am I able to extend meal service?

How do I continue meal service?

Do I need to serve the entire summer?



Summer Food Service Program | x +

fn.s.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program

Ensuring Children have Access to Nutritious Meals and Snacks When School is not in Session

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally-funded, state-administered program. SFSP reimburses program operators who serve free healthy meals and snacks to children and teens in low-income areas.

[Program Fact Sheet](#)



I am a...  State Agency  Program Operator  Household

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

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

Meal Pattern Flexibilities

Waiver #4 Flexibility to serve meals that do not meet meal pattern requirements when needed

- Food chain interruptions

- Spoilage

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

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 1st through remainder of school year

How to Continue Serving Meals

Revise SFSP site application to change end date and number of meal service days in May, June, July, August

Consider plan to implement all available flexibilities

Confirm staffing plan

Get approval from local administration

Get the word out to students and families

Best Practices

Consider packing and providing weekend meals

SFSP meal pattern allows two fruits, two veggies or one fruit + 1 veggie for Lunch

Fresh, frozen, canned and dried all meet meal pattern

Trouble getting food packaging supplies? Order whatever you can

Commodities has canned and frozen fruit options

Rotate staff schedules or decentralize

No Kid Hungry Resources

- [Comparison of Usual Summer and Afterschool Meal Program Requirements to Current COVID-19 Flexibilities](#)
- [FAQs on Child Nutrition Program Options Available During School Closures Related To The Coronavirus](#)
- [Emergency Planning and Staff Safety Tips](#)



Questions & Answers



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