

Serving Up Great School Meals

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Nebraska Department of Education
Office of Nutrition Services



Housekeeping

- Type your name & email in the chat box if you want to receive training certificate by email
- Always feel free to use the chat box to ask questions!
- Please keep microphone muted in the meantime
- Ideas generated from today's discussion + recording of today's session will be posted on NS webpage

Welcome!

- USDA Waivers
- Program Reminders
- Farm to School Update
- Breakout Groups
- Group Sharing

USDA COVID Waivers

If serving SFSP meals, four Nationwide Waivers were extended through August 2020:

1. Meal service times
2. Non-congregate meals
 - * allow for grab & go and meal delivery to be used through the summer
3. Parent pick-up still allowed with integrity practices in place
4. Area Eligibility Waiver allows non-area eligible SFPS sites to operate as Open sites where all children age 1 - 18 years can receive free meal (ends when school is in session for SY 2020-21). [Up-date SFSP site application\(s\) is extending dates of operation.](#)

*Visit [CNP Waivers at a Glance](#)

Reminders

- School Meals Training posted to NS website - July 22nd
- Contact Nutrition Services if you have a new foodservice director, claim contact, and/or authorized representative
- Professional Standards – hiring requirements for new food service directors – must contact NS if requesting an exemption for a foodservice director does not meet the requirements
- SFSP desk reviews – have started



Resources

- Bi-weekly e-newsletter to share a roundup of COVID-19 resources and information for farm to school and farm to preschool stakeholders
 - <http://www.farmtoschool.org/newsletter-covid>
- NFSN COVID-19 Relief Fund
 - Deadline is July 6
 - Will fund efforts to connect kids and their families to just food through support of local farmers and food systems
 - Prioritizes organizations that directly serve and are led by Black people and Indigenous people

COVID-19 Early Care and Education Resources
 Updated 6/19/20

Activity Resources for ECCE and Child Nutrition Programs

- COVID-19 Resource for Child Nutrition Programs**
 Information on how to continue to provide nutritious meals to children and young adults who are unable to attend school or work due to COVID-19.
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The Significance of Farm to Early Care and Education in the Context of COVID-19

Continuing to provide nutritious meals to young children, school children, and young adults who are unable to attend school or work due to COVID-19 is a critical component of a comprehensive response to the pandemic. This document highlights the importance of farm to school programs in this context.

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Fast Access Resources

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<http://www.farmtoschool.org/covid19>

Resources

National Farm to School Network is compiling resources related to COVID-19 that will be relevant to the farm to school and farm to early care and education community. These compiled resource lists are updated on an ongoing basis. If you have recommendations of resources to be added, please email: anna@farmtoschool.org.

National Farm to School Network Resources

- How to Create a Mutual Aid Pool in Your Community
- Local Policy Ask Template in Response to COVID-19
- Policy FAQ: Farm to School/ECCE and COVID-19
- Models & Examples for Sending Seeds Home with Students
- Online Platforms for Farmers and Producers

Other Resources

- For School Meals and Child Nutrition Programs
- For Early Care and Education
- For Remote Learning
- For Farmers and Producers
- For Native and Tribal Communities
- For Gardening
- For Policy and Advocacy
- For Equity

[SEE MORE RESOURCES](#)

Storytelling

National Farm to School Network Blogs

- How to Support COVID-19 Resource for Local Food System
- Preschool's Local Food Partnership Supports Learning
- USDA Community Food Assistance Program and Local Food
- The Community's Mutual Aid Pool Supports Learning
- How to Support COVID-19 Resource for Local Food System
- Our Top 10 Tips for Remote Learning
- Supporting Our Community Farm to School

Share Your Story

Do you have a story to share about your farm to school experience? We'd love to hear from you! Share your story with us and we'll feature it on our website. To learn more, visit [farmtoschool.org/storytelling](#).

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Launch Nebraska

- Conditions for Learning
- Supporting considerations to assist in the prep and implementation of strategies to ensure safety
- FSDs are an essential part of the discussion about returning to school safely.

Breakout Discussion

- Breakout groups of ~15-20 participants (no NDE)
- 30 minutes to discuss three topic areas
- Identify someone to record ideas and report back to the larger group
- Share your recorded ideas to donna.handley@Nebraska.gov so we can compile and post to NS webpage
- Zoom will "send" you to your breakout room and will bring you back to the large group after 30 minutes

Discussion Topics

1. How you see foodservice changing.
 - Student safety, food safety, staff safety (applying 4 C's of food safety)
2. How will procurement and purchasing change?
 - Consider purchasing of food packaging needs different from normal operation
3. How will students and staff be trained on the new way(s) meal service will take place?

*Take a moment to jot these down

Debrief

- Round Robin sharing for two minutes per group
- Remember to email your ideas to donna.handley@Nebraska.gov
 - NDE will compile and post with today's recording

Questions?

- NDE continues to work remotely
- Thank-you for continuing to reach out to our office via email and phone with your questions

