USDA Nationwide Waivers
for Child Nutrition Programs

All USDA nationwide waivers established in response to COVID-19 are in effect until the date listed **or** until expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is **earlier.** Please contact the Nebraska Department of Education, Office of Nutrition Services at 800-731-2233 or 402-471-2488 with concerns or questions.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #17: Meal Service Time Flexibility EXTENSION for SFSP (Previously Response #1)	In effect until August 30, 2020

- Flexibility for time and duration of meal service for SFSP.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #34: Meal Service Time Flexibility EXTENSION for NSLP, SBP & CACFP (Previously Response #23)	In effect until June 30, 2021

- Flexibility for time and duration of meal service NSLP, SBP & CACFP.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #33: Non-congregate Feeding EXTENSION (Previously Response #2, #22)	In effect until August 31, 2020 for SFSP In effect until June 30, 2021 for NSLP, SBP & CACFP

- Meals and snacks do not need to be eaten onsite or in a group setting.
- Grab-n-go, drive-thru, and delivery methods are allowed.
- If using this waiver and the meal service time flexibility waiver, you can provide meals for more than one day at a time.

*Note non-congregate flexibility in effect for *SFSP sponsors until August 31, 2020*.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #37: Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools operating NSLP	In effect until June 30, 2021

- Flexibility to offer versus serve requirements for senior high schools
- Supports delivery or pick-up of meals for students doing distance learning.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #32: Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers through August 31, 2020	In effect until August 31, 2020

- Allows sponsors of the SFSP to operate Open sites to serve all children age 1 - 18 years in non-eligible areas. Implementation of this waiver requires completion of the AE Waiver Request form.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #3: No Enrichment Activity Required for At-risk and NSLP Afterschool Snack	In effect until June 30, 2020

- **Only applies to at-risk afterschool programs and NSLP offering afterschool snack.**
- No requirement to provide enrichment activities with the meal service.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #36: Meal Pattern Flexibility EXTENSION **(Previously Responses #4, #13, #26)**	In effect until July 31, 2020 for SFSP In effect until June 30, 2021 for NSLP, SBP & CACFP

- Sponsors are allowed to claim meals for reimbursement if they are unable to meet meal pattern requirements after exhausting all options to provide requirement components. Examples: the grocery store or distributor is limiting supplies, grocery store or distributor is out of stock, or the distributor has delivery issues.
- Sponsors must make every effort to meet the meal pattern to the greatest extent possible.
- If you choose to use this waiver, institutions must complete the Request Form ***and*** receive approval from the NDE Office of Nutrition Services.
  *Note meal pattern flexibility in effect for *SFSP sponsors until July 31, 2020*.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #35: [Parent/Guardian Meal Pick Up EXTENSION](#) **(Previously Response #5, #25)**	In effect until August 31, 2020 for SFSP In effect until June 30, 2021 for NSLP, SBP & CACFP

- Only available to Sponsors who make use of the non-congregate feeding waiver.
- Parents/guardians can take home meals without the enrolled child (or adult for adult care centers participating in the CACFP) present at pick-up.
- Sponsors must ensure meals are only going to parents/guardians of enrolled children/adult participants.
  *Note parent pick-up flexibility in effect for *SFSP sponsors until July 31, 2020*.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #6: [Nationwide Waiver for Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines](#)	In effect until August 31, 2020

- LEAs using CEP may use data from April 1 through June 30, 2020 to calculate Identified Student Percentage (ISP).
- LEAs must submit ISP data to NDE by June 15th.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #9: [Monitoring Flexibility](#) **- State Agencies & SFAs (Previously Response #29)**	In effect until August 31, 2020

- Grants flexibility to State agency and SFA to not conduct on-site monitoring requirements for the school meals program.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #30: [Monitoring Flexibility - Sponsors](#) **(Previously Response #10)**	In effect until August 31, 2020

- Grants SFSP Sponsors flexibility to conduct site visits and reviews as desk audits without an on-site visit.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #31: Monitoring Flexibility - State Agencies **(Previously Response #11)**	In effect until August 31, 2020

- Grants State agency flexibility to the SFSP to conduct site visits and reviews as desk audits without an on-site visit.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #12: 60-day Reporting Requirements for January and February 2020

- USDA provided extensions for submitting January and February 2020 NSLP claims.

January 2020 claims are due by April 30, 2020.
February 2020 claims are due by May 29, 2020.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #14: Closed Enrolled Sites use Area Eligibility	In effect until September 30, 2020

- Closed Enrolled sites can use area eligibility to establish SFSP sites in needy areas; these sites do not need to collect income eligibility documentation from participants.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #15: SFSP First Week Site Visit waived	In effect until September 30, 2020

- SFSP sponsors do not have to conduct first week site visits at all SFSP sites.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #16: Offer Versus Serve (OVS) allowed for non-SFA SFSP sponsors.	In effect until September 30, 2020

- SFSP Sponsors that are not SFAs are allowed to use Offer Versus Serve as part of meal service. If you intend to use this option, please contact the NDE Office of Nutrition Services.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #18: School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment	The new assessment deadline is June 30, 2021

- LEAs are allowed one extra year to complete the School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment, extending the deadline to June 30, 2021.

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #21: Extend Unanticipated School Closure Operations Through June 30, 2020	In effect until June 30, 2020